

APPROVED



Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School

Minutes

PTO Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present

J. Warner (remote), L. Peterson (remote), M. Bryan (remote), M. Norman (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Peterson called a meeting of the PTO Committee of Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School to order on Wednesday Sep 13, 2023 at 6:34 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from May PTO Meeting on 05-31-23.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PTO

A. School Board Report

No Board member was present to give an update.

B. Community Giving/Fundraising Update

The goal is \$322,500 for this school year. Each family is asked to donate \$750 per student. Arco Iris receives 85% of the funding per student compared to public school. We make up the 'gap' in funding through fundraising and donations.

C. Back to School Night

Sept 19 and 21. There will be a Paper Pie Book Fair at Back to School Night. Starting around 4:00 in room 115 (enter through the back of school near gym) you can view and buy books. There will be limit Spirit Wear for sale and you can also order through the online link. Uniform exchange will be available as well as room parent sign up and other volunteer opportunities. Remember to check the lost and found and grab a bottle drop bag.

D. Spirit Wear

You can buy spirit wear at back to school or order online from the link that was sent out. We will have discounts on the adult spirit wear. We encourage families to buy spirit wear for students and parents.

E. Beaverton Parade

September 23. Wear your spirit wear or rainbow colors. Decorate and bike or scooter or just walk and join us. If you are joining us, please fill out the form. No form is required if you just want to come watch us in the parade. Shuttles are provided from Schiffler Park to the start of the parade. Show up early to help decorate the truck for the parade.

F. Picture Day

Sept 26. Wear uniforms on picture day. You can order online at mydorian.com. You can order starting now or up to 4 days after picture day. There will be one retake day. If you want your student to do retakes, send the pictures you order back with your student on retake day and Dorian studios will collect the packet then to do the retake.

G. Volunteering/VicNet

Volunteer Coordinators will be at back to school to help anyone sign up and answer questions. If you have a questions, email volunteer@arcoirisschool.org. Especially looking for volunteers to help with our large fundraiser, the Move-a-thon. We also need volunteers for library days. Without volunteers, students won't have library days. We are always looking for volunteers for drop off and pick up at the school.

H. Fundraising

Great turn out for our first restaurant night at Chipotle. We raised \$769. Next restaurant night is an all day event on Oct 2 at Joe's Burger/Choza. These restaurants are co-owned, so you are welcome to take food from restaurant to the other if your family is split between burgers and burritos.

Move a thon is coming up Oct 11-20. Instead of individual prizes and rewards, we are doing prizes for the all of the students based on how much the school as a whole raises. Our goal is \$65,000.

I. Room Parents

We will have sign-ups for room parents at back to school night outside of each classroom. This is not the list of approved room parents, this is sign up for interest. We will have a drawing to select room parents at the October PTO meeting. We will have a Zoom and in-person meeting coming up to explain what a being a room parent means and what is involved.

J. Art Lit

The director will be talking to the Art Lit Coordinator for Beaverton School District to get an understanding of the program. We will prepare in anticipation of starting the program later this year. We will need lots of volunteers to get this going.

K. International Walk and Roll Day

October 4. This is a great time to walk or roll to school. There will be prizes, including a scooter and helmet. Any kid, no matter how they get to school, can be entered to win a prize. Look for more information to come.

III. Other Business

A. Questions from attendees

Who to send a pick up pattern change request to? Requests or suggestions can be sent to school administration: jesus.urdiales@arcoirisschool.org. Keep in mind that the school has to consider instructional hours. Reminder for parents of older students, please don't block the entrance for K/1 parents.

How to get the daily class calendar? This will be covered at back to school night.

Is there a link or document where parents can get an update on playground equipment? Right now the school is trying to figure out logistics on how to get the equipment out and back into storage.

Move-a-thon, what is it? It is similar to a jog-a-thon, but instead of running laps, we offer different types of movement options during PE. It lasts for 30 minutes and students can

run, do a dance video, yoga, or other exercises set up by the PE teachers. Donation can be made 'per minute' or just a flat donation.

Do gift cards count for restaurant night? Most restaurants do not allow gift cards to count toward the fundraiser; however, Crumbl Cookie will allow gift cards purchased during our fundraising event to count toward our total. This will be a December restaurant night, which will be great for holiday gifts.

What are tasks for room parents? This will be covered in the specific room parent meetings (zoom and in person) that are coming up.

How is back to school night organized? What if you have two kids on the same night? Not sure about how they are doing it this year. That information should be coming out soon.

Does any of the fundraising go toward the family donation goal? Yes. If your student participates in the move a thon and raises \$750, that goes toward your family goal. We aren't able to track this for each family, so if this is important to you, please track it yourself. We would love for families to get more than the \$750 per student, if possible, to cover anyone who can't make the goal. Volunteer hours are also used for grants, so that's why we track them. All fundraisers go to the General Fund. We're been short in our fundraising goals for years, and the shortage is reflected in the general fund. The general fund goes to pay for our building, electricity, teacher salaries, etc. Public schools get 100% of their budget covered by funding, we only get 85% of the funding of a public school and we fundraise for the rest. Public schools also don't have to pay for their buildings. Classroom supplies, teacher appreciation, and other requests for the school don't count for the Community Giving goal. Bottle drop, move a thon, auction, and donations on the website count toward the \$750. These other items count toward volunteer hours. We want 20 hours of volunteering per family, but more is better. Keep logging those hours.

What do the donations go for? Stock the breakroom is food for the teachers/staff. Class donations are for a specific class. Auction donations are for the auction. The gap fund/community giving goes toward the building, salaries, field trips.

Ideas for auction sponsors, procurement, event? Send suggestions or contacts to PTO@arcoirisschool.org or auction@arcoirisschool.org

There is employee matching for donations. Arco Iris is a non-profit. Check to see if your company does a match or has double or triple match days.

Bottle drop bags raise about \$8 per bag for fundraising amounts. If you donate items, \$10=1 hour of volunteering.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Norman

Mission/Vision

Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School cultivates academic success for all students through a biliterate education and a robust math curriculum. Our students are members of a supportive multicultural community valuing diversity, equity and inclusion.