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Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School

Minutes

PTO Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present
M. Norman (remote)

Committee Members Absent
C. Billings

Guests Present
J. Henss (remote), M. Monita (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Norman called a meeting of the PTO Committee of Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School to order on Wednesday Apr 2, 2025 at 7:06 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from PTO Meeting on 03-05-25.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PTO

A. Board Report

Erin Hatch reported on Board news. They are working on teacher retention and hiring new teachers. The current math curriculum will be phased out in the next 2-3 years as it will no longer be printed. They are looking into new curriculum. They are still following up on the SIA grant and how the community preferred to spend the money. The school received a grant to work on staff education related to equity. School schedules and closure dates are posted for the next school year.

B. No School Days

April 7, grading day
April 18 and 21, conferences

C. Coffee with the Director/Cafe con el Director

English version is on Friday, April 4, Spanish version is on Monday, April 14.

D. Fundraising

Bottle Drop Earth Week Bonus is April 15-26. We get a 20% bonus for all cans and bottle turned in during this time. Collection events after school on April 16 and 23.
We had a great turnout for our March Restaurant Night at Si Señor. We raised ~$430 and they very generously rounded our total up to $500!
April Restaurant Night is April 29 at Mod Pizza
May Restaurant Night is TBD.

E. Costume Day

As part of the Move-a-thon students earned a Costume Day which will be held Tuesday, April 8. Costumes must be school appropriate, no weapons, no blood, no full costume mask covering the face, or promote any type of violence. As per the dress code, costumes should not be revealing and should be comfortable for students to wear all day.

F. Staff Appreciation

Assistant Director Day is Monday, April 7. Look for volunteers to have table set up with something to write messages for Perla.
April's Stock the Break Room will be next Tuesday, April 8, for Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade families.

G. Spirit Week

Monday, April 28 to Friday, May 2. Look for more information to come.

H. Silent Dance Party

The Silent Dance Party was on March 13 and 14 and the kids all had an AMAZING time! Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Silent Dance Party happen. We had so many wonderful volunteers helping throughout the week with decoration prep, making song playlists, decorating the night before. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

I. Loteria

Loteria Night was Friday, March 14th. It was great to see everyone there. Again, we want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped with setup, chair and table donations, and in-person volunteers the night of this event too. We really appreciated all your help.

J. Friendship Day Celebrations

Friendship Day Celebrations were on Friday, March 21. The kids had a great time and were happy to be able to celebrate this day… even though it was a little late. Thanks to all the room parents for planning these amazing celebrations for the students and to all the parents who donated snacks and supplies for the party and/or were able to volunteer that day. The students really enjoy these celebrations, and we appreciate all you do to make them happen.

K. Art Lit

All Art Lit sessions impacted by the school closure have been rescheduled and students are wrapping up their projects on Marc Chagall this week. Our next, and last, Art Lit project for the year will cover the work of Georges Seurat. Those projects will start next week so please look on VicNet for volunteer opportunities in your child's class and sign up. Please remember that you do not need to be an artist yourself to volunteer. The Art Lit team sets everything up for you and provides detailed lesson plans and project guidance. It really is a super fun way to volunteer in your child's classroom. Thank you to our AMAZING Art Lit Team for all your hard work this year.

L. Volunteer Opportunities

We want to welcome our 3 new Volunteer Coordinators to the Team. Maureen Inouye-Harrison, Erin Teune, and Chrissy Heiberg will be joining the team and have already started to train. Thank you so much for stepping up and filling these roles. Reminder – Arco asks that all families contribute at least 20 hours of volunteer time by the end of the year. Check VicNet for upcoming opportunities including, Art Lit, Library Days, Silent Dance Party Volunteers, Loteria Night Volunteers… we have a lot of upcoming events and really rely on all our wonderful volunteers to make them happen. Reminder: Register for VicNet if you haven't already done so. There are many ways to volunteer at Arco and they will all be posted on VicNet so make sure you're registered. If you have any questions about VicNet or if you want to get more involved with one of our teams reach out to the volunteer coordinators at volunteer@arcoirisschool.org. --- Please also reach

out if you are not seeing volunteer opportunities for your child's class so you don't miss out on anything.

M. Uniform Exchange/Lost and Found

The box for uniform donations is always open and is in the school lobby near the lost and found. You can drop off donations at any time. If you would like to look through the uniform exchange for items for your child, please contact the office to set up a time to come in and check out what's available.
Lost and found is located in the school lobby. If your student is missing any items, send them to look for them in the lost and found, or stop by at pick-up or drop-off, but please be mindful not to interfere with kids entering and exiting the building.

III. Other Business

A. Announcements

Next PTO meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm.
Bike/Roll to School Week (May 5 – 9)
School Biking Day will be Friday, May 9
Graduations: Kinder on June 4, 5th Grade on June 5
PTO Elections will be held at the next PTO meeting. Reach out if you have questions or are interested in running for a position.

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 7:43 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.