



Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School

Minutes

PTO Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

M. Norman (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Gonzalez (remote), E. Hatch (remote), J. Henss (remote), L. Peterson (remote), M. Griffin (remote), S. Badawi (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 Thursday Oct 9, 2025 at 7:08 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Norman made a motion to approve the minutes from PTO Meeting on 09-11-25. The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PTO

A. Board Report

- Next Board meeting Thursday, October 23rd at 6:15pm on Zoom.
- Meetings are typically the third Thursday of the month and links to the meetings are posted in the Calendar on the Arco Iris website.
- Board Position opening - information on Arco Iris website in the "Board" tab. Reach out to a board member for more information.

B. No School Days

- Friday, October 10th (Staff Development Day)
- Friday, October 31st (Grading Day)
- Friday, November 7th - Monday, November 10th (Parent Teacher Conferences)
 - In person – Friday
 - Zoom – Monday
- Tuesday, November 11th (Holiday)

C. Fundraising

Restaurant Nights

- September Restaurant Night – MOD Pizza
 - Thanks to everyone who came out for our MOD September restaurant night. Together we raised \$372.15!
- October Restaurant Night – Monday, October 27th at Red Robin, Washington Square Mall Location. Fundraiser goes all day, but this is a location specific Fundraiser.

MOVE-A-THON

- Move-a-thon is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and will be held from October 6th -17th! Get ready for a good time! We are hoping for 100% participation this year! Goal is \$70,000 in just two weeks.
- Kids get a "Free Dress Day" if we hit 75% registration - no donations required!
- Each student participates in the move-a-thon during their individual PE class. Each class moves freely between stations after participating in the Move-a-Thon Dance Video.
- Typically, there is a **Flexibility and Balance station**, a **Cardio station**, a **Strength station**, a **Recreation station**, and a **Rest and Water station**.
 - Examples include Tic Tac Toe Relay and short and long jumping rope for the **cardio station** and an activity station in which they can do leg hops, side shuffle, high knees and more.

- The **strength station** includes reps of squats, push-ups, sit-ups, plank, and lunges.
- For **Flexibility and Balance** they participate in the Move-A-Thon Dance Video on the poly spots on one half of the gym. On the other half, there are stretching and yoga poses that can be done on yoga mats. Students rotate through each set of poses.
- As for **Recreation**, students take turns playing 4 square, bowling, life-size tic-tac-toe, Jenga and connect 4.
- **Rest/Water** - students can move in and out of this area as needed to get their water bottles.
- We will be asking for volunteers to sign up to help during the move-a-thon stations so please keep your eyes open as we will be posting these on VicNet as soon as possible.
- As we've mentioned before, charter schools are publicly funded but we do not receive the same level of support as regular public schools. Arco Iris receives 85% of the per pupil funding allocated by the state and we must make up the remaining 15% through fundraising. In addition, charter schools like ours are required to cover expenses that traditional public schools do not, such as technology services, rent/mortgage payments, electricity costs, etc. As a result, we operate with a considerable budget shortfall per student.
- Last year our move-a-thon raised about \$90,000 for our school. Our fundraising target for the school year is \$1000 per student. We have over 400 students at Arco this year so we are hoping to raise over \$400,000 dollars during the school year and donations from the Move-a-thon are a great way to start!!

- **Spirit Week** will be October 13th – 17th.
 - Monday – Future Career Day
 - Tuesday – Silly Socks Day (with school uniform)
 - Wednesday – Hat/Hair Accessory Day
 - Thursday – Favorite Cat Day (Global Cat Day)
 - Friday – Sports Day

Bottle Drop: TBD

- Please pick up the “Blue Bottle Drop” bags in the office lobby. We don't have a date scheduled yet but there will be a collection day during the bonus period in November.
- You can fill the bags with any eligible bottles or cans that have the “OR 10” code on them.
- Please DO NOT drop off filled bags at the office.

D. Art Literacy

- Friday October 24th - Volunteers needed! These will be posted to VicNet soon. Art experience not needed!
- November date - TBD

E. Book Character Day

- Thursday, October 30th
 - Dress up as your favorite book character! *Costumes must be school appropriate, no weapons, no blood, no full costume or masks 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. Dia de los Muertos

- November 1st, more info to come!

G. Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

- Thanks to all the families that attended! There was a great turn-out and everyone had a blast! The kids and parents had fun learning about their teachers' home countries and cultures!
- There was great entertainment and delicious food!
- If you didn't make it this year, make sure you put it on your calendars for next year!

H. Teacher Appreciation

- Stock the breakroom was Tuesday, October 7th for 4th grade students, thank you to those that donated!
- Next one is for 3rd grade families on Tuesday, November 4th. Keep an eye out on VicNet for sign ups!
- Planning on doing teacher treats during conferences, more info to come.

I. Picture Re-Take Day

- If you ordered photos, students are beginning to take them home! Check kiddos backpacks if you did order.
- If you missed picture day or want retakes, those will be on Wednesday, November 5th.
 - Students should wear uniforms as usual that day.

- Pictures can be ordered online ahead of time if you wish at mydorian.com

J. Coffee with the Director

- Coffee with the Director will be held on the 14th – the second Friday of the month in November due to a No School Day the week before.
- Reminder, this year there will be just one session each month with bilingual resources available.
- This is a great way to get to know the admins, meet other Arco families and learn more about the school.
- We hope to see you there! We will meet in the gym. Please enter through the gym doors at the back of the building and be mindful of drop-off traffic.

K. VicNet Registration

- The school uses the VicNet/Volgistics platform for all volunteer opportunities throughout the year so please make sure you are signed up.
- There are other opportunities for volunteering does not require a background check if you are unable to volunteer in the school.
- Arco Iris asks for \$1,000 donation per family - MOVE-A-THON does count toward your financial contribution! Corporate matches count!
- New families make sure you've completed the Volgistics Volunteer application form and complete the background check. The background check will be sent to you a few days after your application was submitted. This will come from Verified First so make sure you're looking for that message.
- Current families please make sure you fill out the updated volunteer expectation form if you haven't already so you're able to volunteer. Openings won't appear on VicNet until you have completed this.
- It's important to sign up for an account even if you're not planning to come in as sometimes opportunities pop up that you are able to help with and it's important to have this done before hand as the verification process can take up to a few weeks to complete and we don't want you to miss out on anything.
- Many teachers allow parents to come in as a "Mystery Reader" for their child's birthday. You **WILL** need to be registered on VicNet and have completed the background check to participate in this!!
- **Volunteer spots for the Move-a-thon on Friday, October 17th will be posted soon!** Be on the lookout for those and sign up before they fill up! We need lots of parent volunteers to support and cheer on the kids throughout the day!

III. Other Business

A. Announcements

- Next PTO meeting: Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm.

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.