

APPROVED



Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School

Minutes

PTO Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

C. Billings, M. Norman (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Gonzalez (remote), D. Siver (remote), M. Griffin (remote), R. Lamicq-Astudillo (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 Feb 12, 2026 at 7:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Norman made a motion to approve the minutes from PTO Meeting on 12-11-25.

C. Billings seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PTO

A. Board Report

- Danielle Siver offered support to the group.
- Auction will be coming up on April 25th! We hope to see you there!
- Thursday February 19th at 6:15pm via ZOOM or in person at Arco Iris
 - typically the third thursday of the month and links to the meetings are posted in the calendar on the arco iris website.

B. No School Days

- School is closed February 16th-17th (Presidents Day and Staff Development Day)

C. Coffee with the Director

- Friday, March 6th at 8:35am

D. Fundraising

Restaurant Nights

- Panda Express is a nationwide event tomorrow, February 13th

Bottle Drop

- Bags are in the lobby and you can turn them in to any bottle drop collection location.
- 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.
- Volunteer Opportunity: We need someone to take over as Bottle Drop Coordinator. This requires minimal hours. You just need to make sure that there are extra bags in the school lobby and refill the bin if it ever runs out of bags. There are bonus events twice a year that we need to sign up for online. We have flyers for these events that need to be shared on Parentsquare and the newsletter, we already have the flyers you just need to update the dates. reach out to the PTO: pto@arcoirisschool.org if you are interested in helping with this.

E. Art Literacy

- Beatrice Potter is going really well this month!
- There are openings on VicNet for next week (week of 2/16) that need to be filled. Please help out if you can!
- Very quick presentation and you do not need to be an artist to do it!

F. Class Parties

- Friendship Parties are all day tomorrow February 13th!
- If you have signed up for craft activities or snacks please make sure these get to room parents. They have worked hard to plan this day for our kids! We are very excited!
- Tomorrow Feb 13th is a free dress day!
- If anyone is available in the morning to help out. Maestra Santamaria-Gonzalez needs help in the morning. Please sign up if you can!
- Room parents please stay on after for a quick check in.

G. Teacher Appreciation

- Last week we had stock the break room with the kindergarten classes, thank you!
- March will be 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes. Tuesday, March 3rd we will start collecting items. Email to come next week!
- National counselor appreciation week is coming up so we are planning on some gifts for Luis!
- Instructional Assistant week is also coming up! More info to come on how to show support to our IA's.
- Rachel gave a side shout out to the Kindness week group! If you haven't brought in your hearts there is still time!

H. Potential Movie Night

- PTO is working with admin to potentially put on a Movie Night on Friday March 13th.
- There was originally a Loteria Night scheduled for this date, however due to changes in circumstances the PTO is working to reschedule the movie night for this evening. More info coming soon.

I. PTO Transition and Changes

How did we get here?

- PTO has always relied on the kindness of ppl with flex schedules who are willing to sacrifice = burnout.
- Absence of a president in training and term limits can feel daunting to new folks.
- Currently, there are 1 President, 1 Former President here to advise, and 3 Vice Presidents.
- Past couple years there have been a lot of changes internally within PTO. Structurally we need to think about how this looks going forward.

How do we move forward?

- If no one person can do the heavy lifting, how do we redistribute the weight?
- Spring 2026 focus - organizing detailed procedures for putting on events.
- Work with admin to simplify school policies around event organization and PTO communication
- Work with team leaders and Arco Iris community to ensure that no one team depends solely on one person for its continued existence.

Continuing Conversations

- Community interest and involvement (what would people truly like to see and who takes leadership?)
- Explore Arco Iris events and meetups at other locations
- Support community members in extending their own grade level/class/community initiations outside of Arco Iris.
- Thank you to all of our volunteers for all that you do! We all want vibrant community life at Arco Iris!!

J. VicNet Registration

- The school uses the VicNet/Volgistics platform for all volunteer opportunities throughout the year so please make sure you are signed up.
- 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!!

III. Other Business

A. Announcements

- Next PTO meeting: Thursday, March 12th 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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Lamicq-Astudillo

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.