**Minutes**

**PTO Working Session Minutes**

**March 3, 2020 at 4:00pm**

**Academy Charter School, Science Room 221**

**ACS PTO Mission Statement**

The mission of the ACS PTO is to align resources with the vision and direction of the school to enrich the learning environment while empowering parents, teachers and students for success. The PTO’s main role is to supplement the school’s budget through various fundraising efforts while maintaining and encouraging community spirit.

**Attendees:** Rebecca Erickson, Hillary Fendrich, Aive Yturralde, Katie DeMaria, Yolonda Webb, Rhiannon Metzger, Katie Buchanan, Michelle Alexander, Minda Spoone, and Steven Ferrel

1. Meeting called to order at 4:10pm
2. President’s Report (Katie Buchanan)
	1. Discuss minutes from January 28, 2020 working session. All okay as drafted. Katie B motion to approve, Minda S. second, all approved.
	2. Teacher Requests:
		1. $67.95 Hillary Fendrich White boards and erasers for 5th grade. .
		2. Katie D reported that we have the funds available and these staff still have not made their requests for the first part of the year.
			1. Motion to approve by Katie D., Second by Katie B., all approved
			2. We still have $5,000 left that will be opened up to all teachers again in April.
			3. Teachers can make one classroom request and 1 professional development request
3. Communications (Michelle Alexander)
	1. Items to be provided to Michelle by Sunday so that the news blast can go out on Mondays.
	2. Michelle reminded the board to give her items for Facebook posts.
4. Social Report (Yolanda Webb/Rhiannon Metzger)
	1. Next event scheduled was Carmel apple Bar on March 6th but we will be doing Sharpies and Smarties instead.
	2. Baked Potato Bar will be held on April 17th. Will be sending out a sign up genius for parents to provide toppings.
	3. Evaluated the need for additional monies for the Social budget which will be voted on during the Treasurer’s report.
5. Fundraising Report (Michelle Alexander, Melissa Palmer)
	1. Spirit Nights-
		1. March 26th- Red Robin- Castle Rock
		2. Spring Fundraiser-
			1. Color Blast for Cash Run April 16th
			2. Collections March 23rd through April 3rd
			3. Online silent action March 27th- April 3rd
			4. Distribution of prizes to students and shirts April 13th
			5. Classroom and prize days:
				1. May 13th Classroom level
				2. May 15th Top earners- Colorado Circus
			6. Show prize samples and shirt logo to Board
			7. Vote to increase budget for Color Blast for Cash fundraiser will be voted on during the Treasurer’s report.
6. Enrichment Report (Minda Spoon)
	* 1. Will be discussed during general meeting
7. Treasurer’s Report (Katie DeMaria)
	1. Review of current finances- See Treasurer’s Report
		1. Chipotle Spirit night is not included in the budget.
		2. Teacher/Staff Support—we still have ~$5,000 left to spend, this year.
		3. Motion to approve increase in Social budget by $1,500 by Katie D, Second by Katie B. All approved.
		4. Motion to approve increase in Fundraising budget to be $12,000 by Michelle A, Second by Katie B. All approved
		5. Discussed credit card terminal options going forward to reduce costs
8. School Store
	1. No updates- will be open next on March 13th
9. Box Tops (Michelle Alexander)
	1. Just had a submission on March 2, 2020, total submission of $149.10, which is down a lot from prior year
10. Shopper Rewards (Jeanie Reddan)
	1. 5th grade won the Shopper rewards for February, will receive a dress of choice day in March
11. Used Uniforms
	1. Mini used uniform sale is going on now in conjunction with new family orientation
12. Teacher Report
	1. Ms. Fendrich- Elementary
		1. Kindergarten: first experience using a graphic organizer for writing. They wrote things about their favorite animal. Learning economics in Social Studies, will make products to sell in a classroom store.
		2. First: Just wrapped up a big habitat unit in which students created books and dioramas about their habitats. Will begin learning about the 13 colonies and progressing through to the Wild Frontier.
		3. Second: Had a very successful Ellis Island Day! The students were able to dress up like an immigrant and travel to the Great Hall, take a citizenship test, register and make it to New York. Learning about light in science, building skills in reading and paragraph writing.
		4. Third: Began a new unit with a new curriculum. Downloaded and printed off books from the Core Knowledge website for Science. They are only 3 weeks into the first unit on Life Cycles and Variations and can already see how powerful and full of depth the new program is.
		5. Fourth: Working on an informational writing activity where the students are picking their own topic they want to research about. Core knowledge- they learned about the branches of government along with the constitution. We had the class complete an escape room activity while learning about the constitution.
		6. Fifth: At the beginning of February, they went to AmeriTowne. Students had so much fun running the town and being like an adult for a day! We want to thank the PTO for helping fund the field trip. It is definitely a highlight of 5th grade.
	2. Mr. Ferrell- Middle School
		1. Sixth: Writing: getting ready for an extended writing research project on ocean animals, Social Studies: learning about the French Revolution including King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and Napoleon Bonaparte. Science: starting a 4-week unit on the ocean. Will be dissecting a starfish, squid and a shark March 11-13.
		2. Seventh: Social Studies: starting their WWII unit. Science: students have just finished heredity. They looked at their traits and the traits of relatives to find inheritance patterns. Math: starting ratio boxes, organizing and solving proportions, Spanish: starting to prepare for their speaking exam. LA: reading George Bernard Shaws classic, Pygmalion, Technology: working on Google Suite applications.
		3. Eighth: Social Studies: students are currently in the Vietnam War/Rise of Environmental and Social Activism unit, Science: Just went on a fieldtrip to ifly on February 25th to experience terminal velocity and do a forces lab, Math: Algebra is being introduced to graphing calculators, geometry is doing a unit circle, and the rest of 8th grade is working on geometry, pre-algebra and statistics, Spanish: writing an essay about all of their favorite things. LA: reading Unbroken and are analyzing different perspectives of WWII, Technology: working on Aerodynamics, wind tunnels and EagleTV.
13. Principals Report:
	1. 3/13 ACS Dress of Choice Day

Next working and general meeting will be April 28th at 4 and 5pm in MS Science Lab Room 221

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm