

2024 TCA Central PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 15, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Location: Room 176

Mission Statement

To connect and inform the parents of The Classical Academy's Central Campus, providing opportunities to support our staff and foster exemplary citizenship.

Meeting Minutes

8:30 AM

- **Welcome & Introductions-** Thank you to everyone attending today! 38 people in attendance

October PTO contributions and successes

- Birthday Party for all staff- so much fun and very well received! Thank you to Jessica Whittaker and the Birthday committee for all the planning and preparation that went into this fantastic event!
- The Sunshine Committee hosted the Soup and Salad Luncheon which is always a favorite!
- The PTO purchased new dry erase boards for the 1st grade.
- Healthy snacks were purchased by the PTO for the counseling office to support students that were dysregulated due to hunger.
- The PTO purchased new tablecloths for events like grandparents day

Speaker: Lindy Keffer- Today she spoke on what the big picture of Fundraising. There are 3.5 goals:

- 1st and highest goal- paying staff better. Our staff makes 16% less than D20. Brand new teachers start at 8k less. Our annual fund supplies the annual bonus. This year, teachers got a \$1300 bonus. Our principals also get a bonus to bless the staff and
- 2nd goal-team fundraising...we don't want people to feel like they are being nicked and dined and want fundraising to lead to community building. That is why fundraisers feel like community events (like Air City 360 and Spiritwear) rather than sales pitches.
- 3rd goal- Giving Back. Being exemplary citizens includes giving back to our own community. We have been able to consistently raise about 75K every year, serving charities right here in our own community!
- 3.5th goal- not having to raise capital for land...D20 has graciously allowed us to be included in their bonds.

Lindy noted that she felt as a parent how different TCA is...and as a staff member, she really sees the internal integrity at TCA. Monthly and annual giving is such an important piece of meeting our goals. But if you are passionate about supporting a particular

program, email Lindy and she will send you a link for that program. There were many parent questions today! If you have additional questions or would like to discuss more with Lindy, please contact her at lkeffer@asd20.org

Speaker: Dr. Thomason

First, he touched on the Veteran's Day assembly at North, which is a special way for our students, staff and parents to honor those who have fought for our country. Each grade is involved. One of the core values that we wish to instill in our students is that freedom isn't free. One our motto is excellence with honor. When you teach character, it spills over into academics and activities. TCA is currently the #2 school academically in the state and girls' cross country and band just won the state championships. Our football team is about to play 2nd playoff game. Even with all of that, character is the highlight of everything we do. He shared two stories of character being built at TCA. Here at Central, one of the teachers sat on the buddy bench, and a child came right over to check on her and see if she was lonely. We are here to make exemplary citizens. Wes Jolly, Director of Academic Services, has been with us many years. He used to teach history. Last year his first grandchild was due, and two of his students ended up taking exceptional care of his daughter in the hospital during a particularly difficult situation, and later they connected the dots that her dad was their former teacher!

9:10 AM

- **Business Discussion:** Kennedy Peters
 1. **Minutes & Proposed Meeting Dates**
 - Approval of October 2024 Minutes- *Approved*
 2. **Updates from our Vice President:** Taryn Pennau
 - 2nd and 3rd Grade still need volunteers for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon
 - Group discussion of staff appreciation ideas- nails, threading, blow out and curl, etc.
 - Room Parent Gathering November 18, 8:15am-9:15am- We look forward seeing you!
 - Adopted Staff gifts for Security officers- gift basket purchased by PTO and cards from students
 3. **Fundraising Updates:** Helen Walters
 - Air City Fundraiser (Nov 15, 1-3 PM)- the Titan will come as well as cheerleaders
 - MOD Pizza, 1 day/ 3 locations Tuesday February 4, hopefully all three MOD pizzas will be a part of this fundraiser, and it will be all day.
 4. **Funds Requests & Budget Update:** Brandi Henderson
 - Balance is about 43K!
 - Request for Teacher Frozen Meals in January through Taste of Life- *Approved*

- Teachers' Lounge New Stove (GE from Home Depot) -\$746.98-
Approved
- Mrs. Kring- New Trampoline \$54- *Approved*
- Magnets: \$1026 (10/29/2024) Thank you all for purchasing!
- Spirit wear- we made \$4965! Wow!

5. Updates from Committee Leads

- **Birthday Blessings:** Jessica Whitaker
- **Decorations:** Daniell Cea-Join us for Christmas Decorating on 11/22
You are allowed to bring small children with you. There will be hot chocolate and candy canes!
- **Lost and Found:** Shauna Boren – Please make sure to check lost and found. All items will be donated on 12/13
- **Office Uniform:** Shauna Boren
- **Staff Appreciation Week:** PTO Board Members
- **Sunshine:** Katie Kinney – Thank you for signing up for the Soup lunch. The sign up filled up very quickly which was amazing to see so much party support. The December meal is “Appetizers and dessert” and will be asking parents to sign up to bring food. Look for sign up. The lunch will be on 12/17. In January, we are planning to do Chicken Salad Chick
- **Teacher's Lounge Care:** Katie Kinney
- **Yearbook:** Veronica Gearhart, Lisa Nagel, Brandi Henderson
- **EduKits:** Jennifer Smith & Mallory Ziedler

9:25 AM

- Meeting Adjournment

Additional Information

- **Snacks Provided By:** Chick-fil-A North Academy
- **Childcare By:** Daniell Cea