

PTO Meeting Minutes 10/4/2024

Speaker: Tim Hannon

Bond Issue – If the bond passes, it will give TCA \$9.5M – which is a big boost that we haven't had since 2016 – it will go to East for a gym. They have to have gym classes going on in the foyer sometimes and sometimes rents space a New Life because there's just not enough room. The bond issue won't cost us too much money. The state is also requiring that we have LED all throughout our buildings and we have to pay for it (not the state) (and it costs about \$15K for one gym for all LED lights). Read, do your research, and talk to your friends about it. If you have questions feel free to email: Tjhannon01tca@gmail.com

Speaker: Mrs. Curtis

This was the best Grandparents Day yet! 645-650 books adopted- the highest number ever. Over \$8000 raised. Building our new book wish list. Thank you for encouraging your children to love reading!

Speaker: Jim Kretchman

Special note: Originally, TCA was Mrs. Kretchman's idea. One of the reason's they started TCA was because charter schools can be ABOUT something due to the legislation passed in the 90s. One of the things that makes TCA what it is: the relationship between teachers and parents. *The mission statement: The Classical Academy exists to assist PARENTS in their mission.* The teachers work with us to navigate this cultural minefield. The focus of the discussion today was Appreciation vs. Gratitude (Jim's view vs. a dictionary definition).

Appreciation is more of the tangible show of gratitude (gifts, etc)

Gratitude has to be one on one. Can't be planned or organized, it's spontaneous. This is sincere, it flows out of you. When it hits you, seize the moment, say the words. Taking the time to really express your gratitude to staff members can carry them through really tough times.

Business:

1. All of the wonderful things the PTO accomplished this month (see attached slideshow for details)
2. Minutes from September (Approved)
3. Bylaws updated
 - Delete reimbursement bylaw (Approved)
 - Delete committees (Box Tops, Ice Cream Social and Calendar Magnets committees) (Approved)
 - Switch School supply wording to "the Vendor" in order to be able to switch to new vendors as needed (Approved)
 - Secretary binder to minutes on the PTO website (Approved)
4. Staff Appreciation Lunches- April Celebration of Teachers with grade levels hosting 3 different lunches as well as a snack cart or breakfast. We are currently looking for volunteers for grades 2/3 which will be April 24th (still need volunteers). 4/5 is April

15th, April 29th Stephanie Polenz and Megan Zuber. Thank you to those who have volunteered!!! Staff LOVE this event-it's so much fun to volunteer! The leftovers go with teachers who need it or to the staff (sometimes even put out the next day and it's like they have another luncheon.

5. Calendar magnets profited \$1000
6. Lulu's Frozen Yogurt- \$3000 profit for us! We are the biggest fundraiser of the year for Lulu's. They love working with us!
7. Next fundraiser: Air City 360-SAVE THE DATE-Nov 15! You must buy your tickets between 1-3pm for it to count for TCA! The TCA Titan will be attending!!!! Our very own celebrity!
8. Funds normally go to the PTO etc. but sometimes (after a member vote) we do a larger donation to the general funds
9. We raised \$4900 so far from Spiritwear sales!
10. Funds request #1: \$216.65 4 packages of 32 dry erase boards (Approved)
11. Funds request #2: \$85 Snacks for the counseling office (Approved)
12. Funds request #3: \$55 for 4 grey reusable tablecloths for the library for Grandparents Day! (Approved)
13. Birthday blessings day- it's the birthday party today (Friday 10/4)! There will be cupcakes/lemonade, a photo booth and tons of stuff they can choose from! Please stay and help transform this room into a birthday room!
14. Raffle: 3 gifts!!!