

MINUTES

TCA North Elementary PTO General Meeting

Friday November 1, 2024 8:45 AM, Cafeteria.

BOARD MEMBERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President, Elizabeth Hince▪ Vice President, Jenna Kester▪ Treasurer, Evelyn Whitehorn▪ Secretary, Coral Laski	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Member At Large, Cassie Meier▪ Member At Large, Taylor Hart▪ Member At Large, Angela Beech
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BUSINESS

Time	Item	Speaker
8:45	Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance	Elizabeth Hince
8:50	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jody discussed this busy time at school, with children now diving into new content and more challenging material, encouraging parents to support their children through this period of growth.• Video shown (<i>first couple of minutes only</i>):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ THE FELLOWSHIP* Making and Breaking of - The Lord of the Rings◦ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8i73Ns1a7Bc&t=15s• Jody drew a comparison to The Lord of the Rings, referencing Frodo's journey with the "fellowship" and how everyone came together to help him on an impossible quest. Just like Frodo, TCA students, staff, and families are on a shared journey, committed to the classical model of education.• Jody emphasized the importance of instilling values in children beyond academic knowledge. She spoke on cultivating resilience, perseverance, and authentic character in students, along with teaching them to seek intrinsic rewards rather than external praise.• She compared today's challenges, such as social media and peer pressure, to the "trolls and goblins" that hobbits face, encouraging parents to be thoughtful in their choices and to resist cramming every moment with activities.• Jody urged parents to find their "fellowship" within the PTO, as it plays a vital role in building community at TCA. She emphasized the importance of older parents mentoring new parents and creating a supportive network.	Jody Peterson
9:15	Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liz introduced herself, sharing her 13 years of pediatric hospital experience and her enjoyment of working at TCA for the last 3 years.• Her role is to keep students safe, healthy, and ready to learn, managing both chronic and acute health issues.• Important reminders:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ For any mobility devices (casts, slings, etc.), a doctor's note is required.	Liz Giesman, School Nurse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidelines on “How Sick is Too Sick” are available on the website, following D-20's illness policy to minimize the spread of illness and keep students in class. ● Audience Q&A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Liz reassured parents that when she calls them to pick up a sick child, she understands the challenges as a parent herself and knows how they can get sick in the middle of the day! ○ She addressed a question about tracking illnesses by grade, noting that while they don't formally track specific numbers of illnesses or students, she's happy to share the trends she's seeing at school! ○ For minor injuries (cuts, scrapes), students receive basic care on the playground; tutors and staff are instructed to use cleaning wipes. ○ Liz is open to providing additional training for tutors on handling minor injuries, if requested. 	
9:25	Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasurer's Report Budget remains in good standing and the Silent Auction raised approximately \$2,400! Thank-you notes are being sent to donors 2. Secretary Minutes - October 4 Minutes review - Approved Motion to approve: <i>Angela Beach</i> Seconded by: <i>Wei Hui</i> 	Evelyn Whitehorn Coral Laski
9:35	Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Events: The Fall Festival was a success, we appreciate everyone's involvement and enthusiasm. 2. Gratitude Committee: Jenna Kester & Taylor Hart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed the Thanksgiving-themed staff lunch after the PTO meeting (held 11.1.24) ● Plans for upcoming lunches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December: Take-and-bake pizzas for staff. ○ January: Catered lunch with sandwiches. ○ February: Details to be determined. 3. Room Parents: Cassie Meier Keep communicating with classroom families and supporting classroom events, everything's going well. 4. FUNdraising Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirit Store remains open year-round, although there have been delays in receiving orders recently (a couple of weeks) ● TCA-branded, sealed cups in pink and white (\$35 each) are available (they are currently on-campus) & you will get it when you purchase! ● The January Taekwondo fundraiser is scheduled, with sign-ups opening in the coming weeks. 	Elizabeth Hince



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9:45	Raffle - Cookie Package Winner: <i>Elizabeth Meyer</i> Announcement - January 10th is the next PTO meeting! Adjournment	Cassie Meier Elizabeth Hince
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