

February 7, 2025 PTO Meeting Minutes

Reading of the 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.

January PTO contributions and successes

Ordering the kinder team vacuums

½ birthday gifts delivered to Ms. Six (drinks and marker bouquet and candy)

Mod pizza fundraiser

Taste of life meals given out

Katherine Kring, School Counselor

Today Mrs. Kring discussed The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt, a book about the drastic increase in anxiety in today's children due largely to heavy screen and social media use and less free play in childhood. Children today are less in "discover mode" and more in "defend mode".

Some solutions:

-Limit the time they spend on screens. Wait until high school for phones and social media. More free play with no adult instruction where kids play with mixed age and gender groups. Less structured activity so that there is more time for free play. Loose parts play (items that are not one use). Encourage and allow children to make up their own games and rules. Other ideas are Free Play Groups (example: meet up at a park on a Friday after school and let them play without interfering) and Let Grow Groups (check out the book for info!). Increase your child's confidence by allowing independence...allow them to call and schedule their dentist appointment, for example, or cook their own breakfast☺ Let's take back our children's confidence and problem solving skills and decrease their anxiety!

Mr. Walters:

-There will be a parent night coming up and one of the workshops will be about anxiety.

-Please fill out the parent survey. If you have an issue you can chat directly or leave your name so we can work it out together.

-Parents noted how their students are enjoying the weekly assemblies with Mr. Walters stating that it is one of his favorite times of the week. He said that a student told him last week that he was sad about the delay because they missed the assembly!

-Please direct any carpool suggestions to Mr. Walters.

Business Discussion: Kennedy Peters

Minutes-Approval of January 2025 Minutes *Approved*

Next year's PTO Board and Committee Lead Openings:

1. Secretary- Responsible for drafting the agendas and meeting minutes and sending them out to the PTO. Responsible for weekly newsletter updates. Can be responsible for social meeting updates. Attends monthly board meetings and helps out at PTO functions.

2. Fundraising Coordinator- responsible for planning 4 fundraisers. This can be a 2 person role if someone would like to join with Helen or another friend.
3. Vice President- Fills in as needed. Currently the VP handles the PTO adopted staff, SAM luncheon coordination, and the favorites lists.
4. Member-at-Large-3 positions. These members attend the monthly meetings and help out as needed. Hopefully Members-at-large will eventually take over named Board positions.

Upcoming Vote

Please submit bios by Feb 28 (email tcacentralpto@gmail.com) and vote will be at our next meeting March 7

VOTE to make 2 of these positions a 1-year position for only this upcoming term *Approved*

Volunteer needs/Committee Lead Openings for 25-26 school year

1. Decorations Committee Lead
2. Co-lead for the Sunshine Committee to serve alongside Katie Kinney
3. Volunteer to change out the PTO and Community bulletin boards a few times during the 25-26 school year

Updates from our Vice President: Taryn Pennau

We are still looking for people to shadow the current grades in order to take over for next year's luncheons.

Room Parents: reminder to send out the SAM email to your classroom.

People are already dropping off gift cards for Staff Appreciation month! Thank you! Drop off small denominations (\$5, \$10) anytime before 4/10

Fundraising Updates: Helen Walters

MOD Pizza update/results: It was such a fun time at all three locations! We are still waiting for the total that was raised☺

Funds Requests & Budget Update: Brandi Henderson

Budget is healthy! We raised almost \$10,000 from King Soopers last year. Have grandparents, neighbors, etc, sign up☺ Also scan receipts for box tops for additional money!

No Updates from Committee Leads

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Raffle and Meeting Adjournment. Two TCA shirts given out

Additional Information

- *Snacks Provided By: PTO*
- *Childcare By: Danniell Cea. Thank you Danniell!*