

MINUTES

TCA North Elementary PTO General Meeting

Friday October 3, 2025 8:45 AM, Cafeteria.

BOARD MEMBERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President, Taylor Hart▪ Vice President, Jenna Kester▪ Treasurer, Shanthi Vandervalk▪ Secretary, Coral Laski | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Member At Large, Evelyn Whitehorn▪ Member At Large, Angela Beach▪ Member At Large, Kathy Gehauf |
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BUSINESS

Time	Item	Speaker
8:45	Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance	Taylor Hart
8:50	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grandparents Day was a huge success - over 650 grandparents joined us, we raised \$14,402 and had a record 844 books adopted.• 3rd and 6th graders participated in the CogAT Assessment helping identify students for advanced math. Parents will receive an email from the district with a link to view results.• This summer, they announced a new testing mandate. CMAS testing will be fully computerbased moving forward. You can visit the CDE website to see what the new testing experience looks like.• We received a donation of 2,000 Chromebooks to aid in the testing. TCA IT department is exploring if they are able to be used.• Field Day was a huge success! Thank you for volunteering. These large events bring our school community together in a powerful way.• Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up - this is a valuable time to talk about your student's progress and challenges. Please try to attend a session. If you can't make the scheduled time, the teachers are happy to connect by phone.• Teachers will be hearing from Jason Barney during the upcoming October Inservice Days. He is the author of Charlotte Mason: A Liberal Education for All. A great reminder of the foundation behind our educational philosophy.• Huge thanks to the kindergarten families and PTO for providing breakfast yesterday!	Jody Peterson
9:15	Guest Speaker Facilities Introductions & Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new classroom was added over the summer - the teacher lounge was converted into a 3rd-grade classroom.• Playgrounds were repaired and updated for safety.• TJ is our Safety Officer - he oversees inspections, buses, and all school health/safety protocols.• Health Services led by Kelly (Head Nurse) and Liz (North Campus)• East Campus is next on the list for upgrades and expansion.• New IT Director, Ben Garrett, joined TCA last week. Parking & Carpool: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing issue across all campuses.• He's worked with city engineers and confirmed our carpool times are among the most efficient in the city, completed within 20 minutes.• Reminder: Please do not cut through apartment complexes or local businesses and avoid driving on lawns.	Kevin Pacht, Director of Operations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking improvements are still a priority. Some strategies haven't worked, but he's not giving up! Sophomores currently can't park on campus. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional use of the Progressive Insurance parking lot has helped, but we need to maintain a good relationship, please don't use it every day. <p>Q&A with Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressive parking availability will be announced when applicable. Meeting with D20 soon to confirm Chromebook use for testing. Long-term goals for North - additional parking and a new school entrance. Audience expressed gratitude, sharing that the progress on parking is noticeable and appreciated. 	
9:25	<p>Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Report <i>Shanthi Vandervalk</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earned approximately \$1,000 last quarter through King Soopers, an easy way to support the PTO! 6th-grade teacher Mrs. Meyer requested a \$80.88 stepladder - Voted on & Approved We are currently breaking even on Spirit Wear and other merchandise. Secretary Minutes <i>Coral Laski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angela will be stepping down and moving to Tennessee - she shared how lucky we are to be part of this school and community! Cassie Meier nominated for Member At Large - will vote at November meeting September Minutes approved - Motion by <i>Cassie Meier</i> ; 2nd by <i>Wei Hui</i> 	Taylor Hart

9:35	Committee Reports - Transitions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Events Committee <i>Wei Hui</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big thanks for all the volunteering—you are the heart of everything we do! • Thank you for all your donations and meals, especially for the Kindergarten Breakfast yesterday! 2. Special Events Committee <i>Jenn Couples</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 7 Fall Festival - Volunteer sign-up link coming soon. • High school students can sign up for volunteer credit – we need their help running activities and booths • We need someone to take over Fall Festival planning for next school year – who will shadow Jenn this year to learn the ropes. 3. Gratitude Committee <i>Jenna Kester & Angela Beach</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today's food was sponsored by Peak Organizing, who help with estate planning. Special thanks to Bella's Bagels • Nov 14: Next staff lunch (right after PTO meeting) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Thanksgiving theme, please help if you can! Store-bought items are absolutely welcome! 4. Fundraising Committee <i>Lyndze Daly & Evelyn Whitehorn</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritwear is still available in stock and through the online store • Silent Auction for Fall Festival - Evelyn is coordinating – donate a basket, prize, or item - Link in flyer 5. Room Parents <i>Jodie Collins</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Festival: get ready for a sign-up sheet to go out to parents soon. 	Taylor Hart
9:45	Breakfast Sponsor Jami Skinner, Peak Organizer Raffle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spiritwear Jacket – Rachel Cothorn 2. Kids T-Shirt – Elizabeth Brooks 3. Water Bottle – Meredee Berg Adjournment	Taylor Hart & Evelyn Whitehorn



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