2025 TCA Central PTO Meeting Minutes
Date: Friday, November 7, 2025
Time: 8:30 AM - 9:40 AM
Location: Room 176

Mission Statement
Our mission is to help parents of The Classical Academy's Central Campus feel connected and informed.
We will provide families with opportunities to bless and support our staff and assist our school as it endeavors to shape exemplary citizens.

Meeting Minutes
8:30 AM

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

<u>October PTO contributions and successes</u>

- Hosted a Birthday Party for all staff- so much fun and very well received!
- Sunshine Lunches, Fall Treat for Staff, Hosted Room Parent Appreciation Breakfast
- Approved a library vacuum
- Approved supplies for Counseling Team
- Approved the purchase of a book binding machine
- Approved storage cart and bins for Mrs. Robinson
- Brightened the school with Fall decor

Speaker: Mr. Walters
CMAS Testing now on Computers-State Mandated. With our limited computers, we are still trying to figure it out. There's a link in the Newsletter to see Practice Questions to be aware of what the testing will be like. Please check that out before opting your child out of testing. We will most likely have access to about 100 computers during testing. UCCS is willing to let us borrow some computers, too. Still trying to figure out where we are doing the testing. We are still in the planning stage.

Assemblies: Loving, Respecting, and Protecting One Another
The kids shared where they saw others taking care of each other. It has been wonderful and we will continue to share this year. It has been such a blessing.
Thank you so much for the Sunshine Lunch yesterday. The support from the parents I can't thank you enough!

Upcoming: Parent Volunteers needed next semester to help with carpool in the mornings.

PLEASE Check the Lost and Found it is overflowing!

From a parent: KUDOS to Mr. Walters and how he communicates with the Staff and Parents. We so appreciate him!

Speaker: Kelli Hawkins TCA Board Chair
13 years as a parent at TCA-started out at Central! And now a Board Member for TCA. Partnering with parents was played out well for her as a mom at TCA.
What does the Board do? Kelli ran for the Board in 2022. Right now, 7 members, currently are all TCA parents. We serve in 3 year cycles. 6 up for election by the parents and 1 member appointed. We are a Governing Body, and the one employee we hire is the President, Dr. Thomason. The board holds the President accountable. The board is not in charge of principals or other staff. We have laws that dictate when the Board can discuss and meet, and it is limited. We hold once a month Board Meetings. ALL are welcome to come to meetings. Open to parent comments at the meetings.

Question asked: how many hours a month do Board Members work? It varies. Can be up to 30 hours/week and sometimes less than 3 hours a week.
From a parent: Thank you for your time. A parent asked about the Topics on The Agenda to be known ahead of time. They are posted in the email beforehand and on the website. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the room at the time of the meetings: put your name and topic on the sheet at the meetings to speak.
Another question from a parent: What is the appropriate way to bring up a concern about a policy? Try to address at the lowest authority first. Come to Mr. Walters for him to help direct you to the right entity.

9:10 AM

- **Business Discussion:** Kennedy Peters
    1. **Minutes & Proposed Meeting Dates**
        - Approval of October 2025 Minutes- *Approved*

    2. **Updates from our Vice President:** Taryn Pennau/Jill Dannenbring
        - 1st and 4th Grade Melissa Mason and Stephanie Polenz-April 28th
        - 2nd and 5th Claimed Megan Zuber and Maria Carter at the meeting-April 23rd
        - 3rd and 6th Claimed Tiffany Maksimowicz and Amanda Lundgren-April 14th
        - Kinder Rachel Small-April 30th

    3. **Fundraising Updates:** Helen Walters
        - Air City Fundraiser (Nov 14, 1-3 PM)- Purchase Pass before 3PM, bring your socks if you've been before and fill out the waiver ahead of time! If we get 200 kids we get 50% back to TCA!
        - King Soopers we are up 57 households from last year at this time. $2142.78 raised

    4. **Funds Requests & Budget Update:** Brandi Henderson

- Balance is about 49K!
  - Request for Teacher Frozen Meals in January through Taste of Life-91 Frozen Dinners $2730- *Approved*
  - Teachers' Lounge Kitchen Items $171.79-*Approved*
  - Christmas Trees Decor $433.73-*Approved*
  - Duplos for Childcare $29.57-*Approved*
  - Teacher Wrapping Paper Event $400-*Approved*
  - Coach Kuyper Snowflake Banners $60- *Approved*
  - 5th Grade Planning Room $1381.47- *Approved*
  - Spirit Wear Sales $2600

5. **Updates from Committee Leads**
   - **Birthday Blessings:** Jessica Whitaker-SUCCESS!
   - **Decorations:** Taryn Pennau Holiday Decor Nov 21st
   - **Lost and Found:** Shauna Boren
   - **Office Uniform:** Shauna Boren
   - **Staff Appreciation Week:** Taryn Pennau/Jill Dannenbring
   - **Sunshine:** Katie Kinney – Thank you for
   - **Teacher's Lounge Care:** Katie Kinney Next Lunch Dec. 9th: need another person to shadow and learn about the Sunshine Commitee
   - **Yearbook:** Veronica Gearhart, Brandi Henderson
   - **EduKits:** Mallory Ziedler

Thanks to Danniel Cea, Lacey Lockhart, and Ashley Harris for Childcare help today-sign up for the other meetings coming soon!

6. **Raffle Drawing 4 Bins of Goodies**

9:40 AM

- **Meeting Adjournment**

Additional Information

- **Snacks Provided By:** PTO
- **Childcare By:** Danniel Cea