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TCA North Elementary PTO General Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2026 8:45 AM, Cafeteria.

BOARD MEMBERS

▪ President, Taylor Hart ▪ Vice President, Jenna Kester ▪ Treasurer, Shanthi Vandervalk ▪ Secretary, Coral Laski	▪ Member At Large, Evelyn Whitehorn ▪ Member At Large, Cassie Meier ▪ Member At Large, Kathy Gehauf

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Time	Item	Speaker
8:45	**Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance**	**Taylor Hart**
8:50	**Guest Speakers -** Introduction by Taylor Hart **TCA School Board Candidate Introductions** Darron Mitchell introduced 2 candidates running for upcoming TCA School Board openings and invited them to share a little about themselves & why they are interested in serving. **Erin Hannan** Erin shared that she currently has two children at TCA North (8th and 5th grade). Her husband, Tim Hannan, previously served two terms on the TCA board, and their family has been actively involved in the TCA community for many years. She has also been involved in PTO at Central Campus and participates in community activities such as YMCA sports and church. Erin shared how deeply her family has been impacted by TCA's teachers, staff, and strong community culture. She spoke about the importance of preserving the mission and foundation of the school and emphasized her desire to serve as a servant leader-listening first, seeking understanding, and approaching decisions with an open heart and open mind. Her goal is to help protect what makes TCA such a special and exemplary community. **Bob Hollers** Bob grew up in Colorado Springs and attended a small private school himself. He now has four children, three currently attending TCA Central (4th, 5th, and Kindergarten), along with a toddler at home. His nephew and niece previously attended TCA through K–12, which initially introduced his family to the school. Bob shared that he was drawn to TCA because of its strong mission, values, and the level of parent involvement encouraged within the community. Over the past year, his family has experienced significant health challenges and loss, which has deepened his desire to invest in things that truly matter and will last. Serving the TCA community felt like a meaningful way to do that. *A reminder email with additional details about the board election will be coming soon. **Athletics & Summer Camps Update** Darron shared information about upcoming TCA summer athletics camps, which will go live for registration on April 1 at 6:00 PM.	**Darron Mitchell** **TCA School Board Candidates**

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	• These camps are designed as a great starting point for students and help build a strong K–12 athletics community. One of the highlights is the opportunity for younger students to interact with and learn from older Titan athletes. • Last year's football camp had 190 campers, and many high school players and coaches participated as mentors and instructors. Camps are organized by "rising grades", so families should read the brochure carefully for grade-specific details. • Coach Rich shared that one of the biggest advantages of being a K–12 school is that students often grow up playing sports with the same teammates for many years. The camps help younger students see what older athletes are doing and start building those connections early. • The football program emphasizes three core values: passion, grit, and character. Many of the older students (11th & 12th grade) serve as mentors during the camps, helping younger athletes learn skills while also growing themselves as leaders. • After varsity football games, families are invited onto the field where younger students often look for their older Titan role models for high-fives - a fun tradition that reinforces the strong sense of community across grade levels. • Brochures for the camps will be sent home with students.	**Darron Mitchell** **Coach Rich**
9:10	**Business** 1. Candidates for the 2026- 2027 PTO Board • Voting will take place at the April PTO meeting. The following candidates have been nominated for next year's PTO Board: i. Vice President – Evelyn Whitehorn ii. Secretary – Jodie Collins iii. Member At Large – Wei Hui 2. Treasurer's Report • It has been a slower fundraising month. The next major fundraiser will be AirCity360, which typically generates a good return for PTO. • Families are encouraged to sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program, which provides a percentage of purchases back to the school. • Instructions were available on the front table 3. Secretary Minutes • February Minutes were not printed and available for this meeting. • Will review and ask for approval motions in April.	**Taylor Hart** **Shanthi Vandervalk** **Coral Laski**
9:20	**Committee Reports** 1. Community Events Committee • Volunteer sign-ups are now open for the upcoming Service Run. Volunteers will be needed to help mark bibs, track laps, and support the event. Families are also encouraged to donate snacks and water bottles. • Yellow folders were sent home last week for the CASA fundraiser. 2. Gratitude Committee • Today's staff lunch is a Taco Bar, sponsored by 1st and 2nd grade families.	**Taylor Hart** **Wei Hui** **Cassie Meier**

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	• Planning is already underway for Teacher Appreciation Week in May, and volunteers will be needed to help make it special for staff. 3. Fundraising Committee • The AirCity360 fundraiser will take place April 10 after school. • Participation matters - the more attendees we have, the larger the percentage PTO receives (for example, 200 participants would result in a 40% return). • This is not a drop-off event, so children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. • The Titan mascot and cheerleaders will also be there, and discounted spirit wear will be available for purchase. • We're looking for additional volunteers to help with fundraising efforts next year. • Yearbook sales end April 5, so families are encouraged to place orders soon. 4. Room Parents • As the school year begins to wrap up, families can expect communication from room parents about **end-of-year events and celebrations**. • Teachers and staff work incredibly hard throughout the year, and this is a great time for the community to show appreciation and support.	**Evelyn Whitehorn** **Jodie Collins**
9:30	**Breakfast Sponsor:** Goines Law • Tim Goines shared that his family has been part of the TCA community for eight years and currently has three children attending TCA. His law firm specializes in estate planning, wills, trusts, and probate. • Elizabeth Meyer shared a personal experience working with their firm following her father's passing and expressed appreciation for the care and support they provided. **Raffle Winners:** • Plant - Abby Rogers • Foot Spa (donated by Jodie) - Whitney Sipp **Adjournment**	**Tim Goines** **Taylor Hart**

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