

MINUTES

TCA North Elementary PTO General Meeting

Friday September 11, 2026, 8:45 AM, Cafeteria.

BOARD MEMBERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President, Taylor Hart ▪ Vice President, Evelyn Whitehorn ▪ Treasurer, Shanthi Vandervalk ▪ Secretary, Jodie Collins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member At Large, Ali Smith ▪ Member At Large, Wei Hui ▪ Member At Large, Kathy Gehauf
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BUSINESS

Time	Item	Speaker
8:45	Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance	Taylor Hart
8:50	<p>Principal's Report and Guest Speaker</p> <p>Mrs. Cook reported on how the beginning of the school year has gone so far. She has noticed the positive morale in our school between staff and students and the high energy at the "Meet and Greet." The first days of school and Back to School Night also went well. She spoke on how the time between kinder and senior years is fleeting and the importance of savoring every moment.</p> <p>Mrs. Cook reminded us of the upcoming Field Day and encouraged parents to help volunteer day of or to bring in items to donate for the event.</p> <p>CoGat Testing- This is on the agenda September 21-23 for 3rd and 6th graders. This is only a small portion of the students' instructional day.</p> <p>Grandparents' day: This takes place October 1st for kindergartners and on October 2nd for 1st-6th graders. Inviting a "guest grandparent" is welcomed for families who live afar. To make this event run smoothly, staff will park further away and high schoolers will park at Progressive to open up parking for guests.</p> <p>Mother Goose Day- This is coming up on Tuesday, October 6th for kindergartners. Mrs. Cook gets to be Mother Goose and guest star in every classroom.</p> <p>To conclude her message, Mrs. Cook read the book "School Is Wherever I Am" by Ellie Peterson. The message of the book is to be a life-long learner and that we can learn wherever we are. Mrs. Cook mentioned how it is also important for us as adults to model life-long learning for our children at home.</p> <p>Mrs. Cook hopes every interaction with kids and parents is filled with love.</p>	Erin Cook
9:15	<p>Business- Transitions</p> <p>1. <u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PTO Started year with a budget of \$16900. ➤ \$375 was spent to provide popsicles and posters for Meet-and-Greet as well as monthly staff birthday treats. ➤ A new fridge was purchased and installed in the staff lounge. ➤ King Soopers brought in \$952. This money is deposited quarterly. ➤ Currently, our budget is sitting at \$17,300. 	<p>Taylor Hart</p> <p>Shanthi Vandervalk</p>

	<p>2. <u>Secretary Minutes</u> Sarah Chandler and Brent Meyer approved minutes from the last meeting of the previous school year.</p>	Jodie Collins
9:25	<p>Committee Reports- Transitions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taylor introduced all positions and mentioned what positions are open next year, to include her position of President. 2. Community Events Committee This committee is partnering with Coach Romine to host Field Day happening on September 17th. *(edit to add Field Day has been rescheduled to October 7th due to weather) Grades 4-6 are in the morning and grades 1-3 will be in the afternoon. Pizza will be ordered for those volunteering to help in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Parents can choose to volunteer and/or help with donations. 3. Special Events Committee Kimberly gave an overview of this year's events. Fall Festival is now a Spring Sock Hop happening on April 16th. There will be games and other activities to enjoy during the Sock Hop. Several volunteers will be needed to help the day of. 4. Gratitude Committee This committee loves any opportunity to bless our TCA staff. There is a monthly lunch hosted by grade levels. 5th and 6th are hosting this month. Parents are welcomed to support even if their kiddo is not in that grade level. New this year, parents can also donate funds instead of bringing in food items. The committee hopes this gives those parents who want to support but do not have the time or capacity to still show their support. Kindergarten breakfast is next month. 5. Fundraising Committee The Silent Auction will now happen in the spring. Evelyn asked parents to send in donation items or keep eyes peeled for businesses that can donate. Spirit Wear sales will go throughout the whole year. Orders are filled weekly. Air City will happen this fall on October 23rd, a Friday afternoon. A Skate City Fundraiser mid-school year was discussed, and Evelyn will work to set this up. Yearbook: Parents were asked to send in photos throughout the year. We are looking for another parent to help our TCA staff member put the yearbook together. Evelyn invited parents back to the next PTO meeting and reported that this was the best attendance thus far, thanking parents for coming. 6. Room Parents Jodie invited the Room Parents to stay for the informational meeting following the PTO meeting. She also shared that Ali Smith will be taking over as the Room Parent Liaison moving forward. 	<p>Taylor Hart</p> <p>Wei Hui</p> <p>Kimberly Peterson</p> <p>Shanthi Vandervalk</p> <p>Evelyn Whitehorn</p> <p>Jodie Collins</p>
9:40	<p>Raffle Our prize winners were Jen Meszler and Tracy Lushnat who both received items donated by Titan Club.</p> <p>Adjournment Breakfast- Taylor asked for Sponsors for future PTO meetings. This morning was sponsored by Wei Hui, Financial Advisor with Parkland Securities. She helps individuals and small businesses to get started with investments.</p>	Taylor Hart