

February PTO Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 8:30am, Roughly 27 in attendance

1. Reading of the PTO 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.**
2. List of PTO Accomplishments since the last meeting
 - Valentine's Sunshine Lunch!
 - Amazon orders (one teacher commented that it felt like Christmas!)...so many fun new items
 - Purchased a new Microwave and now there are 2 working microwaves in the Teacher's Lounge
3. Mrs. Curtis....sharing a favorite snowy day book, Waiting for Winter
4. Mrs. DeMeyer.... Discussed her decision to take this new position and how much she has loved her role as Principal. In her new position with TCA, she will be working with 4th-12th grade in all three schools, so she will be able to share influence with a larger group. The gifted and talented program comprises advanced learning plans for those meeting the criteria set by the state and district. In this new role she will focus on compliance and stretching those kids. Mrs. DeMeyer noted that the process of hiring for a new principal will start in the next week, and the committee hopes to have an announcement out before Spring Break of who will take the TCA Central Principal Position.
5. Dr. Thomason- Shared some personal information.
 - Central Parent for 14 years.
 - Raised in Ardmore, OK and grew up working on the family ranch, fishing, and riding 4 wheelers.
 - He never thought he'd be in education, but Mother was in Education for 30+ years. Dad served on the Board of Directions for local Votech school. Grandfather and Grandmother were schoolteachers. So Education is in his blood!
 - 2004-2008 TCA Middle school teacher and football coach. Then worked in Higher Education.. Spring 2017 was asked to coach football again, and in 2019 came back as a teacher.
 - He always loved working with Dr. Sojourner, so took the opportunity when the position arose
 - Has 3 kids (Grad, Sophomore and 7th grader).
 - Dr. Thomason talked about how TCA is special. Noted that we will find someone who loves our core values and makes decisions based on those values to fill Mrs. DeMeyer's position.
 - A few favorite things about TCA are: 1.Kids get to be kids a little longer. 2. Our Core Values document. Grammar, logic and rhetoric. Highlighted 3 different core values in document. 3. At a typical school, each teacher has their own educational philosophy. At TCA, we have a philosophy that goes from K-12. These is an environment where we are all working toward a common goal. Parents are a big part of what make TCA special. Parent involvement, our willingness to go the extra mile, that's one of the things that really makes our school special. This isn't a luxury cruise. It's a whitewater rafting trip where we all have to put our paddles in and paddle faster. He encouraged us to encourage our network of friends to also give our time, talent, and treasure.
6. Board Candidates:

- Kinetta Johnson-5 minutes of sharing
- Laura Moffat-5 minutes of sharing
- David Oertli-5 minutes of sharing
- Jonathan Skorich-was not able to attend today

7. Business

- Meeting minutes from January approved
- Amazon gifts were an incredible blessing to the teachers, and the teachers chose the items very thoughtfully.
- Titan of the Year nominations: February 22. Parents can nominate any staff member. You will write a little about that staff member. There will be a committee to choose. Each staff member receives what was written about them.
- 2 Board Positions opening for 2024-2026:
 - President (Description from the bylaws): The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, shall be an ex-officio member of all budgeted committees and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office. The President shall have the authority to draw upon the Central PTO Fund for expenses less than \$50.00 relating to PTO goals. For any expenses exceeding \$50.00, the President must first receive a majority approval of the PTO Board. If there is a variance in the cost of an approved funds request, the President shall have the authority to approve an additional expenditure of \$200.00 without requiring a second vote by the PTO membership. For variances over \$200.00, a second vote by the PTO membership will be required.
 - Treasurer (Description from the bylaws):The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the disbursements and receipts and ensure that the balance matches the TCA Central Fund. The Treasurer shall create a budget for the next school year to be presented in April and accepted by a majority of those present at the meeting. The Treasurer shall provide a copy of the budget to the TCA Finance office and TCA Central office. The Treasurer shall provide a treasurer's report as needed at PTO meetings. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping track of the money in the Officers Discretionary Fund and the PTO Board will decide, by majority vote, how to use it.

If you are interested, reach out to Kennedy or Brandi. These positions help you to get to know the staff and other parents and form a community here. *Bios due no later than March 29. Vote at the Friday April 5 Meeting.*

- Staff Appreciation Lunch leads are all in place. We have an increased budget for the lunches. We are now asking for gift cards to be given out for staff appreciation month. Small denominations preferred (\$5-\$10). Larger gift cards will be raffled. Parent idea: a chart that shows how many gift cards are still needed or putting the info on the Sandwich Board.
- Chipotle: We know some people waited a very long time and working on how we can make it better next year...but the great turnout enabled us to make almost \$1479.79. We made 50% more on this one than the last two restaurant's fundraisers combined.
- King Soopers: We get about \$8,000 a year from King Soopers as our passive fundraiser. Thank you to the families that have linked their accounts!
- Yearbooks will go on sale before Spring Break! Reminder to upload photos of curriculum days, parties, and learning times BEFORE SPRING BREAK!
- Raffle: 3 People won TCA shirts!
- Next meeting is March 8. Mrs. Kring, our school counselor will speak.