

“Why I want to be a TCA Board Director”

I have decided to run for TCA board because I love and support what TCA is, has been and strives to be. Before I enrolled my oldest child in TCA I took the time to read the founding documents and learn why this particular charter school exists. Before entrusting my child's education to any school, I wanted to understand the philosophy behind the school undergirding its foundations. During my daughter's first year at the school, I also then went to a number of board meetings in order to see who were the people making decisions that affect the students, families and staff. What I found along the way was that TCA is founded on the same founding principles as our nation and is filled with people who are committed to education that supports children and families in both academics and character. My desire is to serve the TCA community helping to ensure that this legacy lasts.

My wife and I have both served in the classroom throughout the years as our three children have grown up at TCA East. My wife is a former school teacher and current piano teacher. Our oldest child will be entering Jr. High next year (though we are considering the option of College Pathways), while our two younger kids will be moving up to 2nd and 5th grades. I have volunteered in reading groups for years, while my wife has also been a constant support to other TCA families and mentor to younger moms.

In my professional life, I am a financial advisor – providing investment advice & financial planning as well as serving as a fiduciary to individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits in Colorado Springs and around the country. This experience is well suited to the similar responsibilities that go along with serving on the board of TCA. The trusted advisor role I serve in (like the board) is one built on trust and relationship.

Previously, I have advised nonprofit boards, served as Director of Finance in the nonprofit world, served as a Youth Pastor, and more. I have a BA from Moody Bible Institute and MA in Philosophy of Religion from Denver Seminary. I also have a variety of education and designations in the financial industry. It is in my DNA to serve my community. As an example of this, in 2018 I cofounded a Christian men's group that I still facilitate here in Colorado Springs called the John 17 Fight Club. The intentional irony of the name is that this group was founded with the desire to grow unity out of diverse groups through a commitment to truth and charity. We do this through debate – arguing differing perspectives on difficult subjects and encouraging men to value engagement in civil discourse.

My agenda as a board member is simple and forthright. I desire to strengthen the foundation TCA stands on. I will be a voice to represent parents and families who agree with the values already in place. I will be an advocate for kids – I actually like them (not just my own) as a former youth pastor. I will be a support to the faculty and staff who work hard to implement the vision.

Sincerely, Jon Skorich