

Friday, January 20 8:30-9:20, Room 176

TCA BOARD MEMBERS

Committee Leads

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, Kennedy Peters • Vice President, Jessica Lohmeyer • Fundraising Coordinator, Stephanie Albers • Treasurer, Brandi Henderson • Secretary, Megan Prensner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday Blessings - Jennifer Smith • Decorations- Daniell Cea • Lost and Found - Heidi Wheeler • Office Uniform - Erica Lam • Staff Appreciation Week- PTO Board Members • Sunshine- Katie Kinney • Teacher's Lounge Care (TLC Committee)-Katie Kinney • Yearbook- Kindergarten: Daniel Cea (K) Veronica Gearhart (Committee Leader-1), Jill Dannenbring/Rachel Small (2), Lisa Nagel & Emily Jonas (3), Brandi Henderson (4), Rosie Thompson (5), Natasha Ericksen (6)
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Order of Events

Time	Item	Speaker
8:30	Welcome & Introductions-Thank you to everyone who is here! 21 parents in attendance. Intro of the board members and 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.	Kennedy Peters
8:30	Principal's Update-Quick update. This is such a busy time of year. Last week, Mrs. DeMeyer forgot the Wacky Wednesday joke one week and the children were so offended. So much learning is happening right now. We are really seeing the fruit of their work, with great conversations about all of the things they're learning. Students are making great gains, we see that from recent literacy testing. Friendships are forming, habits are engrained.	Becca DeMeyer
8:40	Librarian's Corner- There was an idea in the Gazette- A book on every bed for Christmas...ushering a slower start for the day...could be any day. Valentines? Presidents Day? 21C/East/Penrose have excellent used books for sometimes as little as .50 a piece. Ms. Curtis is full of ideas for each child, feel free email for your child's interests.	Cynthia Curtis
8:50	Guest Speaker- Krystal Hearne-Core Knowledge. Taught at the original TCA, has been a curriculum director, assistant Principal and Principal. Has worked for Core knowledge for years. Always wanted to have children at TCA because of the Core Knowledge.	Krystal Hearne

	<p>The Core Knowledge founder is E.D. Hirsch, JR. Taught English in the 70s and found that college students didn't have a broad base of knowledge from reading and comprehension and thus weren't able to write informed essays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Founded Core Knowledge Foundation in 1986. Hundreds of people worked on the creation of this curriculum. ○ 1987 wrote Cultural Literacy. The goal was to “teach a shared curriculum” ○ Came out with a core knowledge sequence. Krystal showed a picture of the latest sequence from Kinder -8th grade. ○ Read Classical Academy mission statement. ○ Are you amazed at what your children are learning here at TCA? They are learning such a broad base of knowledge and it's exciting! They are also learning great character traits from what they are learning. ○ This curriculum is coherent and cumulative. For example, the Sun, Moon and Stars are the science starting point. Then they learn plant and animal survival which builds on previous knowledge, then they move to light and sound, building on the previous subject matter. ○ Parent question: How often and why is it updated? To add history that has happened, science updates, etc. ○ Showed more examples of Systematic Knowledge Building and how it works with the classical approach. ○ This curriculum is cross curricular. What they are learning in history goes throughout the school- from art to language art. ○ This curriculum is content rich. In schools that don't have core knowledge, the content is generally not as rich. ○ There is no math curriculum for Core Knowledge, but they recommend Saxon Math or Singapore math. These are our former and current math curriculums, respectively. ○ Knowing about the subject matter makes it easier to learn about what you read. It fills in gaps, resolves ambiguity, and promote equity. ○ It plays an integral part in critical thinking skills. ○ www.coreknowledge.org- you can download the student book for whatever your child is learning for free. ○ Contact krystalhearne@gmail.com with questions! ○ Parent Question: Can you compare this with state standards. The science, history and math standards are the same. The social studies standards are different. 	
9:10	Business	Kennedy Peters

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<p>a. Approval of October Minutes! Can you believe we haven't met since October!?. Approved</p>	
<p>3. SAM</p> <p>a. April 11 is being changed to the 4th by vote due to CMAST testing. Approved</p> <p>b. Request for leaders for grade level 2 and 4</p> <p>c. Dates taken- April 13 (Mexican) K/1 (Jessica Lohmeyer) April 20 (Asian) 3rd (Lacey Lockhart) April 27th (Italian) 5th (Rosie Thompson)</p> <p>Dates available: 4/4, 4/18 2nd and 4th grade Volunteers still needed for these dates.</p>	<p>Kennedy Peters</p>
<p>3. Fundraising updates.</p> <p>a. Kempo- finished in January. Over 20 kids signed up and we raised \$1114.</p> <p>b. Panda Express- January 19. Quite a few people came out! Thank you for your support!</p> <p>c. \$552-Classroom magnets</p> <p>d. \$1956-Spirtwear</p> <p>e. \$825- In-&-Out</p>	<p>Stephanie Albers</p>
<p>4. Funds Requests Approval and Budget update- our balance is 54K We have the money to bless the teachers. Talk to your teachers to let them know that we want to help them get things they need!</p>	<p>Brandi Henderson</p>
<p>5. Vote for Board Members at Large</p> <p>1. Danniell Cea- approved. Welcome to the team Danniell and thanks for volunteering!</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>Terms are through the 2024 school year. Responsibilities include attending the board meeting (Kids are welcome) and PTO meeting (we have childcare!) Help brainstorm and guide the PTO and take on some duties as desired!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for someone to come alongside Stephanie Albers or take over her position at Fundraising Coordinator 	
<p>7. Committees and Special Projects Updates (j)</p> <p>a. Birthday Blessings Committee- Jennifer Smith</p> <p>b. Decorations Committee- Danniell Cea- interested in doing Springy decorations. The PTO would have to approve a budget and find storage. We will discuss further.</p> <p>c. Lost and Found Committee- Heidi Wheeler</p> <p>d. Office Uniform Committee- Erica Lam</p> <p>e. Staff Appreciation Week Committee- PTO Board Members</p>	<p>Kennedy Peters</p>

<p>f. Sunshine Committee- Katie Kinney. Announcement: February 7 we will be serving Noodles & Co. but need salads donated and help serving and setting up.</p> <p>g. Teacher's Lounge Care Committee (TLC Committee)-Katie Kinney</p> <p>h. Yearbook Committee- Kindergarten: Danniell Cea (K) Veronica Gearhart (Committee Leader-1), Jill Dannenbring/Rachel Small (2), Lisa Nagel & Emily Jonas (3), Brandi Henderson (4), Rosie Thompson (5), Natasha Erickson (6)</p> <p>i. Edukits- Jennifer Smith</p>	
<p>Parent question: Having issues uploading pictures using the link. The easiest way to upload yearbook pics is the QR code. It will be sent from yearbook grade reps to room parents.</p> <p>Parent question: 6th grade has a new teacher. We will have favorites lists for new staff out in about 2 weeks.</p> <p>Parent question: D20 having changed start time talks. Are we considering changes. No changes are being considered because we don't have buses.</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Adjournment and Raffle. Krystal Hearne was our winner!</p>	
<p>Coffee Donated by Mission Coffee and Donuts by Krispy Kreme...Proud supporters of TCA Central Elementary PTO. <u>Extra special thanks to Liz Barthels and Lynne Nielsen for childcare for the meeting!</u></p>	

UPCOMING TCA EVENTS

January:

- 20: PTO Meeting 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
- 20: 3rd Grade Viking Day 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
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- February:

- 2: Hearing & Vision Testing 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
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- 3: 5th Grade Renaissance Day 8:05 AM - 12:15 PM
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- 10: PTO Meeting