

## Meeting Minutes Timber Trail PTO August 15, 2022 – TTE Library

**Welcome** – Jessie led the meeting and welcomed the group. Introductions are done. She mentioned that the September meeting will have a virtual component in addition to being in person.

**Principal Update** – Michele thanked the PTO for the lunch they provided staff on August 5th.

The school board will vote on the mill and bond next week. As a reminder, bonds can only be used for bricks and mortar. There will be a video on the district website from Erin Kane explaining the details. Last summer, TTE received a new HVAC and roof from former bond funds. The proposed mill would go towards staff compensation. If it is passed, it would issue staff higher salaries and would be retroactive to July 2022. Cherry Creek School District, who recently passed a mill, pays teachers on average \$18k more than DCSD. She asked that we please support our teachers and vote to pass this mill.

Timber Trail is projected to have 600 students within the next six years. The ideal capacity of the school is 450. If the bond to build a new school doesn't pass, one of the backup solutions is to add portable buildings to the existing school. This is not the plan, just discussed as one of the options. If the mill does pass, a new school would take 2-3 years to construct. The Canyons already has a plot of land for an elementary school.

**Kickball** – Shannon provided an update on kickball. The location has been reserved for September 9, 2022. We have 7 paid sponsors and multiple non-paying sponsors who are providing their services at discounted rates. Information was sent out in the Thursday folder (8.11.22) and will go out again this week. Please sign up via My School Bucks. We are anticipating 80 families and the final t-shirt order will go in August 24, 2022. A photographer has not been nailed down, so please reach out if you can assist. Kickball Take Home Bags will be stuffed the Wednesday before at Shannon's house if anyone one is interested in assisting. The school has requested that next year the Mother Son Kickball will be renamed to Timber Trail Kickball to be considerate to the students that may not have a mother and to be inclusive for our entire community.

**Website Update** – Leah informed the group that the website is currently getting some updates. She asked for information to be provided regarding the upcoming Kickball and Timber Trail Trot. Please send graphics and narratives so they can be uploaded. The Teacher's Favorite Things needs to be updated. Leah has reached out to get information from the staff for this page. The class lists will be updated as well for those that approve their information being shared. Dawn requested that the Spirit Wear link be added to the PTO website.

**Spirit Wear** – Dawn is managing the Spirit Wear and it is ready for the 22-23 school year. It will be available all year long and new gear will be added throughout the year.

**Treasurer Update** – the budget is passed out and has been updated. The biggest source of easy money is King Soopers. We earn around \$12k from this every school year. Please sign up for this to help TTE earn more funds. The group discussed Box Tops and it is determined that this funding source is not very lucrative, but families are still welcome to participate.

**Volunteer Updates** – Dawn informed the group that Lunch Bunch will start in September. It will fall on a middle Wednesday of each month. The details will be coordinated ahead of time to allow families to sign up and help. The Timberwolf Trot will be October 6<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for volunteers for the day of. Please reach out if you are interested as this chair is open and would need to start right away. Claire will

assist in the pass off of the fundraiser as she ran it in years past. Multiple suggestions are made regarding improvements for the Trot for this year. The biggest item to revise is how the laps are tracked and this will be addressed. In addition, the boy and girl that runs the most laps in each grade will be recognized. Sportsmanship awards will be given out again as well.

**Room Parents** – Cristina will collect the sign-up sheets from the Back to School Night. She will reach out to the interested parents and provide more information in the near future. The first class party will be Halloween. Parents are welcomed into the school this year, but some teachers have vocalized that during parties, classrooms and the school become very crowded, loud, and sometimes make party activities challenging. Volunteer sign ups and a party schedule were suggested as solutions and this will be discussed further in the staff meeting.

**Secretary** – Meeting minutes from the PTO meetings will be available on the PTO website.

**Community Events** – Erin Ellis and Emily Vara will be taking the lead as co-chairs of Community Events. Amy Griffin will be spearheading restaurant nights. Freddy’s will host our first one on 8.31.22, followed by The Berg House in September. Amy asked if the group is interested in doing a Smart Cow night which is only held on Tuesdays. The group is open to the idea. Lindsey Gertz has planned the first community event, which will be a movie night held on 9.22.22. The movie is TBD but it will be shown outdoors on an inflatable screen. Gelato will be served from a local food truck. We are also bringing back service-oriented projects for the community. Suggestions welcome. The Spring Fling will be rolled into Community Events and Erin and Emily have volunteered to co-chair the dance as part of that.

**Battle of the Books Challenge** – The chair for this position is open. Battle of the Books is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The kids read 10-12 books over the school year. There is a meeting each week and the battles start at February and are held at the Douglas County Library in Castle Rock. You go against other schools. Amy will get us a job description for this to post on the PTO website to help get a volunteer. The books haven’t been chosen yet, but this will start soon.

**Closing** – Jessie thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to a great year.

**Attendees:**

Jana Krell (Secretary)  
Michele Radke (TTE Principal)  
Paige Sanford  
Amy Griffin  
Cassandra Haney  
Dawn Medina (Volunteer Coordinator)  
Lindsey Gertz (Co Pres)  
Emily Fera  
Claire Bryant  
Desiree Gentile (Treasurer)  
Cristina Hulley  
Jessie Kenny (Co President)

Leah Enquist (Web Manager)  
Taryn Bagrosky  
Jenna Wilson  
Shannon Fairfield  
Jenny Kelso  
Victoria Ashcraft  
Jenelle Edson  
Craig Plutnum  
Erin  
Jenna Luber  
Tara Harris  
Erin Ellis