# Meeting Minutes Timber Trail PTO

September 14, 2026 9 a.m. — TTE Cafeteria

**President's Update**—Desirée Gentile & Stella Wirsig

Timber Trot is raising money for curriculum for decoable books, etc, iready seats (these are not chairs when kids take their assessments, they are given a score and this is an extra supplemental support teachers can give children), around $13k total.

Thank you to everyone who supported Muffins and Mentors.

Pilates on the turf is next Monday, register! Turf from 9-10, including childcare, bring mats if you have one

We added a mahjong community night which will benefit the PTO, we will have an open play and a new play groups, everything will be provided! October 6th, 5-8, Home to Home, $75 for lessons, $35 for open play. Invite a friend!

Free kid drop-in Art Experience, October 23rd, whole school, 5-7 pm.

Spirit wear has a new logo, selling on our PTO website, order and will be shipped to you.

Enviroscape, we have partnered with, is offering a sprinkler blowout discount, will announce the discount, just mention Timber Trail.

**Principals' Update**— Rob Thelen and introducing Sierra Chartier

MLO Proposal- 2023 was the last mill levy override, different than bond MLO is continuous, bond is a one-time thing. Doulgas country is leader in graduation rate, highest scholarship, highest preforming district in Denver Metro, lowest staff turnover in metro. Douglas country is second to lowest funded district in Metro Denver but is still the highest preforming. Douglas country is having to take a 15mil cut next year, somehow. All cuts are coming from admin costs. By passing the mill levy, teachers will get a 4% salary increase, restore instrumental music back into elementary schools, 5.1 mil will be invested in the district.

Tax increase will be about $236 a year based on a home value of $700.

This will be the last mill levy we will and then we will be capped. Car painting etc. will be announced.

Student council is coming back! 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades! Will invite ambassadors from k-3. Return applications by Thursday, September 17th. Will have a panel of adults to select. One or two per class.

**Jenn-**

Unified sports club, lack of SSN support, we have 4 schools (programs) in the district put of 45 elementary schools and 20 charter schools.

Katie – Road to The Rockies, please sign up and turn in monthly log during the first week of the next the month for possible party! And include first and last names and include reading times for class work too. For every child who has read the goal minutes for each grade will be entered into a raffle for a kindle for each semester. Thank you to Sarah Phillips!!!

**Teacher Update**— Introduction of PLC's and their excitement about this new strategy.

**Community Events**— Ivy Perez-Casillas

Back to School Splash Highlights

Pilates September 21st, 9 am, no school, Club Pilates, qr code for signups.

Back to School Bash, bouncy things, stuffy making truck, train, food for purchase, all family members are invited, 3 and under is free, $5 increase to tickets at the door. Purchase tickets ahead of time for $20

Adding more volunteers for checking in to make it faster.

Parent and teacher volunteers for slot machine, set up, clean up, etc.

**Volunteer Update/Needs**—

Back to School Bash

Lunch Bunch

**Hospitality**— Victoria Ashcraft

Will be providing snacks to all staff for conference week

**Treasurer Report**— Christine Schmalz/Desirée Gentile

Budget will be on the school website, Pack PARTNERSHIP has raised $7k!

**Webmaster/Comm**— Melinda

Website Highlights
Contact Us/Question Button

**Sprit Night** – Kara Boucher

Hip Hop and gelato bar, this Wednesday, 3:30-5. September 21st from 4-7 will be a cold stone fundraiser in castle rock.

Amount from Kona Ice is still coming back

**Clothing Drive –** Robin Sweet

Please add clothes for kids and coat drive will be in November 16-21st, donations going to Clothes for Kids.

**Room Parent Update**—Elyse Schelin and Jenna Wilson

Thank you for signing up to be a room parent.
Connect with other room parents and begin planning, gathering donations, include room parent email for parents who want to sign up.

October 1st, Homecoming Parade from Red Stone Elementary to Rock Canyon High School

Next meeting is October 19th

**Road to the Rockies**— Jenny/Dawn

Sarah Phillips sponsor, logging of reading minutes. Winner per class per month for top reading minutes gets prize. Brainstorming ideas to keep momentum up with their monthly logs. Maybe classroom rewards, more recess, etc!? Maybe put up a visual monitor in the school?

**Fundraising Update**— Bethany

Halfway to our Trot goal, please send business, etc. to Bethany. 9 more days to Trot!

**Secretary**—Deanna Hamilton
August 2026 minutes approval.
Any changes needed for last month's minutes? Motion to approve?
_____ motioned to approve. _____ seconds. Minutes are approved.

Reminder to sign in.

**Q&A**—Online questions/comments reviewed

**Meeting adjourned at:**

**Attendees:**

Erin Button
Katrina Binglan
Jenna Wilson
Elyse Schelin
Kadie Dooley
Elizabeth Downing
Jen Gale
Melinda Tarbell
Jessica Woodard
Lauren Vaughn
Christina Guengerich
Ellesse Desmarteau
Amy Donley
Emily Jones
Bethany Joswick
Holly Van Heel
Kara Baucher
Courtney Kastens
Jori Taylor
Christie Webb
Jackie Atha
Ali Nock
Kelly Colasuonno
RJ
Brittany Rubidoux
Courtney Morgan

Rachel George
Christine Schmalz
Rebecca Fawcett
Kayla Wells
Liz Binder
Lianne Kafield