

**PTCO General Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 21, 2025 · 8:15 – 9:00am (hybrid)**  
**Cafeteria or Google Meet**  
**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sbr-uyxs-hkw>**

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Challenge School PTCO Mission Statement:

*To assist in attaining the highest level of education and welfare for the entire student body at the Challenge School through the cooperative efforts of the Faculty and Staff, the Cherry Creek District Community and the parents.*

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General meeting slides

**Welcome and Introductions:**

**Call to Order-** Crissy called the meeting to order at 8:15am

**Principal Welcome** David Strohfus, Challenge School Principal

- Evolution of Challenge School & Neordiversity
  - [See slides](#)
  - Sept 10th- Standards Information Night
  - Question- Once kids are identified as gifted, they don't need to be re-tested.

**Introduction to the Board:**

**President:**

Crissy Davis (NEW)- in person

**Vice President:**

Payal Ahuja (NEW) -absent

**Treasurer:**

Lisa Kessler- virtual

Ying Morgan - virtual

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Christina Suh - virtual

**Secretary:**

Michel Friberg- in person

**Communications:**

Maria Milzer (NEW)- virtual

Mia Clements (NEW: Vote in Nov)- in person

**Observer:**

Amy Henry- in person

Dave Strofus- in person

**President Update:**

- Open Board Positions
  - Secretary Co-chair
  - Volunteer Coordinator Co-chair
  - Treasurer Shadow (back half of year)
- No changes to the [by-laws](#) for 25-26 year
- Community Building Events
  - Fall Fest
  - Bingo
  - Skate City
  - Culture Night
  - Food Bank
- PTCO Activities- We need to raise \$85,000 to cover the majority of salaries and benefits.
  - This will enhance enrichment of students and teachers
- Wolf Run on Sept 11th - goal is \$55k
  - Kids receive a shirt for the run and field day.
  - There are volunteer slots for the run.
- Order your Howler to stay connected!
  - Will be printed in the next few weeks.
- Challenge gear online store closes 8/31 - order today!

**Secretary Update:**

- Review and Approve Minutes: May 2025 Minutes [HERE](#)
  - Approved

**Communications Update:**

- Ensure you are receiving comms, opt in CCSD account
- Challenge PTCO Instagram coming soon!

**Treasurer update:**

- Review the approved 25-26 Budget ([LINK](#))
- Bank balance as of 8/18/25
  - Main: \$11,133.71
  - Fund Raising: \$1,000
  - Wolf Run and Wolf Drive raise the majority of the money

Look out for Wolf Drive. Projection low. Donation to school has been reduced due to contributions being reduced. Hopefully, we will get more money than expected and come back to the community with those numbers.

#### **Volunteer Coordinator Update:**

- Sign up to log hours in Help Counter
- Open chair positions
  - Wolf Drive Chair
  - Garden Committee Chair
  - Field Day Co-Chair
  - Room Parent Coordinator Co chair
  - Parent Info Network Chair
  - Challenge Cares Day Chair
- Current volunteer opportunities on [challengePTCO.com](http://challengePTCO.com) & Wolf Tracks

#### **Other Announcements:**

- An activities page will launch on the challenge school's website next week!
- Going forward, we will end each meeting with Q&A coffee session with the Principal, Mr Strophus.

#### **General Q&A**

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025 at 6pm (Hybrid)

**Adjournment** Crissy adjourned the meeting at 9:02am