



Columbia Elementary PTCO Meeting

8 April 2026 / 6:30 PM / Columbia Library

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow Up

1. **Mission Statement-** *Columbia Elementary PTCO connects students, families, staff, and the downtown Colorado Springs community to create a welcoming environment that fosters academic and emotional growth. We are committed to a positive, inclusive culture that embraces diverse ideas and ensures all voices are valued.*

New Business

1. Updates from Columbia: :
 - Mrs. Atencio Updates | Mr Reid Updates
 - Ms. Kuzma Asks: Rock & Roll Performance & School Talent Show
 - Mr. T Asks: Volunteer Sign Up Genius and Snack Shack - Both Field Days
2. Items for Discussion/Approval
 - Budget (Jenna/Renna)
 - Recap of March Food Drive
 - Columbia Cougar Legacy Benefit (Dance, Raffle, & Art Show/BOGO Book Fair (Jordan/Pam)
 - Run of Show, Volunteers Needed, Budget Updates
 - Need from Treasure
 - Future Sustainable Fundraising | Shift Fundraising Burden
 - Current Obstacles & Changes: Non-dependent amin and PTCO leadership
 - Ideas: Fall Harvest Benefit Dinner for Big Donors to sustain projects at Columbia
 - Arbor Day tree purchase - \$85 - Pam presenting on behalf of Katie Benzel
 - Opportunity came up via Patty Kretzmar - a woman who used to live in the neighborhood called Patty about trees available through a city program and wondered if Columbia wanted to be involved. Mr. Dillard's 4th grade science classes study tree structures, so he was interested in incorporating an Arbor Day activity into the instruction and reached out to Katie Benzel for assistance getting things moving.
 - Progress: Katie reserved a bur oak through the Mid Shooks Run neighborhood. Mrs. Atencio has spoken with facilities and we have an approved location for it on the playground (SW corner).
 - Arbor Day is **Friday, April 24** (no school that day but can do it on another day)
 - Needs:
 - Approval to cover the \$85 tree fee from PTCO budget

- Help from someone with a truck/large vehicle/strong arms to help pick up the tree on Saturday, April 18 (exact details pending) from a house across the street from the school (831 E Boulder)
 - Do we want to make this a full-school event, not just 4th grade? Katie can take ideas to admin/teachers for approval and planning.
3. May Staff Appreciation Ideas:
 - Pam, Renna, & Kate (Lead) Reid/Peyton (Support)
 4. Officer Opportunities
 - Welcome new members
 - Update on positions to be filled
 5. Proposed Dates for 2026-2027
 - Oct 9- Carnival, April 23- Dance, Open House? - InNOut Lock in Dates

25-26 Meeting and Fundraising Dates

- April 21st - 3rd-5th grade "Rock and Roll Forever" performance on Tuesday
- April 24th- Dance and Auction
- May 5th- School Talent Show (Support w/ Volunteers & Snacks)
- May 11th - Field Day (Support w/ Volunteers & Snacks)
- May 13th- Final Meeting