

Dear TCA Families and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from the March 13, 2017 Board Meeting:

### **Celebrate TCA**

We celebrated four TCA High School students recognized by the **Scholastic Art Awards of Colorado**. Over 5,300 original works of art were submitted to regionals by Colorado students with approximately 7% being selected for awards. Our winners were:

- Anna Kemper, Sophomore, Gold Key Winner for her drawing/illustration *Angled Vision*
- Kit Cameron, Senior, Silver Key Winner for his painting *The Obsession*
- Dillon Rawlings, Junior, Silver Key Winner for his drawing/illustration *Up in Smoke*
- Kaitlin Walters, Sophomore, Silver Key Winner for her drawing/illustration *Awaiting*

### **Board Appointment**

After a rigorous selection process, Mrs. Peggy Littleton was appointed to TCA's Board for the term of 3 years from 8/2017 – 8/2020. Mrs. Littleton is currently an El Paso County Commissioner and has served on the Colorado State Board of Education. She has a wealth of knowledge on educational issues, and we look forward to her partnership and expertise. As a reminder, online voting for the remaining two open Board seats is in progress and will close on March 31, 2017. In-person voting will occur on April 4 (North), April 5 (East), and April 6 (Central). If you haven't voted yet, please check your email for your individual voting link. Candidate information can be found [here](#).

### **Construction Update**

The board voted in favor of the Capital Construction Committee recommendation to approve a revised budget of \$14M for the North Elementary Gymnasium/Cafeteria and the North Campus Auditorium/Secondary Commons project. The increase in funding will go towards construction of an auditorium support building which will include dressing rooms, scene shop and black box classroom. Project recommendations for the remaining unallocated first issuance of bond money will be presented to the Board in April.

### **Curriculum Update**

After an extensive discussion, and by recommendation of the TCA Wellness Task Force, the Board voted to shift the previously approved traditional high school Health & Wellness course to a graduation requirement starting with the class of 2021. Course topics include muscular strength/cardio/body mass index, healthy goal setting, nutrition, CPR/first aid certification, managing stress and anxiety, depression and suicide prevention, and mental health awareness. As a reminder, in accordance with TCA's Core Values, the Health & Wellness course will NOT include any sexual education components. This course was originally approved by the Board in 2013, has been taught for several years at our high school as an elective, and has been a graduation requirement at College Pathways since that program's inception in 2009. In the coming weeks, additional information about the course will be communicated to our community, course scope and sequence details will be available for parents wishing to review further, and opportunities to discuss course elements with a long-time teacher of the course and our TCA educational philosophy leaders will be provided.

Enjoy your Spring Break,

Chris Carter

Board Secretary

### *TCA Mission Statement*

*The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.*