

# May Board Highlights

Dear TCA Family and Friends,

The TCA Board of Directors would like to share highlights from our May 9th Board meeting:

## Celebrate TCA

We celebrated TCA's recent D20/Air Academy Federal Credit Union Art Show and Scholastic Art Award winners. TCA students won 15 out of 48 awards in the D20 Annual Art Show and 4 students placed in the Scholastic Award Art Show, including 1 Gold Key. What a testament to our incredible visual arts program!

## Parent Survey

Wes Jolly, TCA's Director of Academic Services, presented our annual Parent Survey results – his one-word summary to the Board was "Excellent." This year, we received very positive results, which was very reassuring and noteworthy due to the challenges we have faced the past two years. Nearly 50% of the TCA-wide commonly rated areas were at 5-year highs. In addition, *Strongly Agree* responses to the facilities, safety, academic preparation, communication, and character common questions were the highest for every category in the 8 years the questions have been asked. The information provided in the surveys has been shared with our entire leadership team and the School Accountability Committees (SACs), enabling our principals to make more specific decisions for their schools. Feedback on the results will be shared with each school community via principals soon. Thank you to all who participated in this year's survey.

## Budget News

Mark VanGampleare, TCA's Chief Financial Officer, presented our proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23, including administration's recommended teacher and staff compensation package. Raises and bonuses for next year will be the largest in TCA's history, allowing us to continue to recognize staff as our most valued asset. Consistent with the parent survey results mentioned previously, our teachers and staff are always cited as the "best thing" about TCA, and the good K-12 budget work performed by our state legislature, combined with the faithful generosity of our parents and grandparents, enabled us to provide this well-deserved monetary recognition.

## Digital Health

At Dr. Sojourner's recommendation, the Board approved the formation of a joint committee on digital health. Consistent with TCA's Core Values (*TCA seeks to bring its philosophy to life through limiting use of personal electronic devices*), the Board and Administration are considering further limiting/eliminating student cell phone/device access and use during the school day. The purpose of the committee is to develop an action plan to collect community input and communicate associated research findings on the deleterious effects of device use at school, and to consider development of a board philosophy/policy on digital health. Next month, the Board will appoint members to this committee, which will begin meeting in September.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at [talk2tcaboard@gmail.com](mailto:talk2tcaboard@gmail.com). We hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of school!

With Titan Pride,

Sonya Wittleder  
Board Secretary

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