

May Board Highlights

Dear TCA Families and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from the May 10, 2021 Board Meeting:

Education Alliance of Colorado (EAC)

Board Chair Rob Mouton gave an update on the EAC, mentioning the positive outreach, 2000+ members who have signed up to become parent advocates, and the constructive changes in the charter/choice movement that are beginning to be realized. If interested in learning more about the latest efforts with the EAC, please click [here](#).

COVID Response

TCA President Russ Sojourner shared positive news about continued loosening of COVID protocols and restrictions, and highlighted many of the upcoming end-of-year events that we look forward to with great anticipation, especially regarding our graduating seniors. Dr. Sojourner also reassured the Board that we don't anticipate any of our schools closing before the end of the year (contrary to a rumor regarding our traditional high school), and he shared the following line from an upcoming community communication: *"As I've mentioned repeatedly lately, there is SO much to celebrate, and we look forward to starting the 2021-22 school year as close to normal as possible. We anticipate that all of our students and staff will be back in our buildings full time, unmasked, engaging in activities missed because of this year's restrictions, with parent volunteers in our hallways and classrooms, celebrating greatly reduced (or eliminated) quarantines, and greatly reduced (or eliminated) protocols. We can't wait!"*

Parent Survey

Wes Jolly, TCA's Director of Academic Services, provided a presentation on the annual Parent Survey results. This year, our participation rate continued to be high – greater than our historical average, affirming continued passion and interest by our parent community. Even in a COVID year, the data received is important for principals to determine their school's strengths and areas for growth. Staff and teachers continue to be what parents say is the best thing about TCA. This year we experienced some dips in perceptions regarding Academic Preparation and Communication, and positive takeaways involved Safety, Character, and Positive Response Rates. As Mr. Jolly shared, *"We are not about excuses or undue praise – we will use the results to better ourselves."*

Legislative Update – School Vaccines (not COVID)

Legal Counsel Brad Miller shared details of current statute SB20-163 involving medical and non-medical vaccination exemptions. To begin public school attendance (at TCA and elsewhere) next school year (August 2021), parents who don't wish for their child to be vaccinated (not related to the COVID vaccine), there are two ways to file a non-medical vaccine exemption: 1) File a Certificate of Non-medical Exemption with a signature from an immunizing provider, OR 2) File a Certificate of Non-medical Exemption received upon the completion of an online education module. Requirements involving this statute are legally binding, superseding parents' ability in previous years to write their own statement of non-medical exemption. TCA will NOT be able to exempt the school or students from these requirements.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at talk2tcaboard@gmail.com

Have a great week!

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