

April Board Highlights

Dear TCA Families and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from the April 11, 2022, Board Meeting:

Board Election Results

Mr. Tim Hannan and Mrs. Kelli Hawkins were elected to the TCA Board to serve 3-year terms (August 2022 – August 2025). **Please join us in congratulating and welcoming them to our team.** Dr. Terence Andre joined Mr. Hannan and Mrs. Hawkins as board candidates this year, and we thank all of them for their willingness to serve in this important capacity.

Celebrate TCA

We celebrated the College Pathways Program and all their community-building events this year. Students shared about their first-ever school assembly, with Mr. Mike Donahue, founder of Value Up, an organization that amplifies value in every student, resulting in strengthening a positive school culture. It was also wonderful to hear how students and administration have taken ownership and developed activities such as pancake breakfasts, game nights, and dances for their students and community to gather and get to know one another.

Staff Climate Survey

The results of the 2021-2022 Employee Climate Survey were shared by Ms. Marta Schulz, Director of Human Resources. We had the third highest participation rate ever from our staff in response to this survey. The results of the climate survey show that post-pandemic, working in education continues to bring significant challenges, yet our staff acknowledge that TCA is a great place to work, with leadership and supervisors committed to providing a supportive workplace climate. We remain committed to celebrating the many positives of our workplace climate, focusing on the specified areas needing improvement, and moving forward with commitment to a return to normalcy. Individual Principals and Directors are sharing the results with their staff members for positive reflection while developing plans for improvement where necessary.

Social Media – Parent Academy

Dr. Sojourner reminded us of the upcoming Parent Academy presentation on the dangers of the internet and social media, presented by the CSPD Crimes Against Children Internet Task Force, on Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm in the North Campus Brown Center for the Arts. Per a recent and related news release from Children's Hospital of Colorado, *"... our behavioral health experts recommend limiting screen time. Social media and too much time spent online increase feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression. Technology is a mainstay of kids' lives, but social media and gaming can lead to online bullying that sparks violence or self-harm, as well as addiction that prevents kids from showing up for life in a healthy way."* Bring your friends and neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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

Have a great week,

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