

Dear TCA Families and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from the May 11, 2020 Board Meeting:

Celebrate TCA

We celebrated numerous Titans, including those who placed at the Colorado State Science Fair, which took place virtually in April. Five TCA students won awards in the event after presenting their projects over the phone. We also celebrated the 13 TCA senior students who will continue their athletic careers in college. Congratulations! We watched two videos: one ([click here](#)) put together by a group of students honoring COVID patients and thanking local healthcare workers, and one ([click here](#)) by a group of staff members reinforcing A Titan's Creed. We were thrilled to see how our students and staff have stepped up during this time, thinking outside the box to give their best to the world!

Student Digital Device Initiative

Dr. Sojourner shared that, due to the pandemic, he is postponing the digital health initiative, which would eliminate student access to personal electronic devices in our buildings during the school day. The Board and Administration will hold on any decisions regarding the initiative until next year at the earliest, pending other pandemic-related actions.

Return to School 2020-21

Dr. Sojourner echoed recent guidance shared by D20, stating that planning for the fall has already begun, and we continue to hope and expect that we'll be back in our school buildings. We have not yet received guidance from the state about what type of learning will be allowed or expected. However, our Cabinet, Principals, and Academic Lead Team are discussing various contingencies for the fall, and we expect there will likely be one of three available options: 1) In-person, physically distanced, COVID-compliant learning, 2) A hybrid of enhanced at-home and in-person physically distanced learning, or 3) A continuation of enhanced at-home learning. Our administration will grow the technological capabilities available to us, including use of the Schoology online learning platform at our elementary schools, as well as asynchronous video instruction and synchronous staff/student online interaction, instruction, counseling, and review strategies. Various staff will begin training and technology-based protocols/procedures development during the last week of May, with efforts continuing through the summer.

Parent Survey

Mr. Wes Jolly, TCA's Director of Academic Services, provided a briefing on the annual Parent Survey results. This year, our participation rate continued to be above average with 1,168 parents contributing to the survey. Overall, parents continue to be engaged year-to-year in participating in the survey, and 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 followed by community/family, character, and education/academics. As always, there are also areas for improvement, and school principals have already, or will soon be, providing feedback to their individual communities. Thanks to all who took time to complete the survey. We greatly appreciate the feedback.

Speaking of feedback, as always, if you have comments for the Board, you can reach us at: talk2TCAboard@gmail.com

We Are Titans!

Rich Bennett
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.