

June Board Highlights

Dear TCA Family and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from our June 8th Board meeting:

The Board's opening comments, which were echoed by Dr. Sojourner in kicking off his report, gave special thanks to High School Principals Sean Shields and Justin Peterson for how they creatively solved holding graduation ceremonies. Their perseverance enabled us to honor our graduates in May in a meaningful way while adhering to County/State in-person graduation guidelines.

President's Report – Budget, Return to School

Current state budget projections for next year show reductions in several grants and sources of TCA revenue, as well as an estimated 5% cut to per pupil funding for the 2020-21 fiscal year, which would be the largest reduction ever for TCA and D20. Because of TCA's financial responsibility, we anticipate being able to absorb this shortfall in the months ahead. One reason we remain in a healthy financial position is because of the TCA community's support in May. Dr. Sojourner shared about our community's overwhelming response to the challenge gift of \$25,000, which generated record giving for the month of May of just under \$100,000. This support will help us provide for critical classroom needs, as well as an opportunity to bless our teachers and staff for helping us navigate this challenging school year. As always, your financial support makes such a difference to our schools, teachers, administration, board and our families, so please consider [clicking here to make a special summer gift!](#)

Preparations for the 2020-21 school year are ongoing, and we know there remain many questions and uncertainties about what school will look like in August. Dr. Sojourner and our Academic Lead Team are actively making plans and contingencies for school starting in August. While we don't know exactly what that will look like quite yet, Dr. Sojourner will continue to communicate throughout the summer with the latest information. He shared with the Board increased optimism from the Governor's office that while contingency planning is key, our classrooms should look similar to before we were forced to close in March. TCA's Administration is committed to opening our facilities and moving forward responsibly as we prepare for various in-person learning options in the fall. One example of a tangible improvement is the purchase of 75 Swivl recording devices to support the creation and sharing of teacher instructional videos into our freshly enhanced at-home learning platforms, should that be necessary.

Character Update

Wes Jolly, Director of Academic Services, reported on the character education program at TCA. Character remains one of the "best things about TCA" as reported through our Annual Parent Survey. Mr. Jolly presented multiple measurable areas that indicate our K-12 efforts are effective at helping develop exemplary citizens with virtuous character. A majority of the reported areas reached or matched all-time highs.

Adopt-a-School Program

In an effort to remain connected with the TCA community – and build an appreciation for the variety of events, programs, and accomplishments that each of our seven schools provide – our Board Directors will connect with the following schools for the next school year:

College Pathways – Rob Moulton
Cottage School – James Fradette
Central Elementary – Terence Andre
East Elementary- Teri Goin
North Elementary – Jeff Rudder
Junior High School – Tim Hannan
High School – Mark Mayfield

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please email the board at talk2tcaboard@gmail.com

Have a terrific summer!

Rich Bennett
Board Secretary

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