

October Board Highlights

Dear TCA Family and Friends,

TCA's Board of Directors would like to share some highlights from our October 17th Board meeting:

Celebrate TCA

We celebrated the 7th Grade Trench Curriculum Day. Trench Day takes place during 7th grade history class in the fields west of our North Campus building, giving students a glimpse into what our soldiers experienced during WWI. Participating students shared about the different rotations they participated in, which included digging trenches, being cared for in a field hospital, hearing war stories, and tasting battlefield provisions. It was great to hear how our students found joy in experiencing history brought to life.

Sunset Amphitheater

During the audience comment time, several community members expressed their concerns regarding the proposed construction of the Sunset Amphitheater. Dr. Sojourner was careful to differentiate between a current agreement that TCA has with Notes Live (owners of the Sunset) and a recent proposal that we received from them. He articulated that our current agreement with Notes Live states we will consider renting our North Campus parking lot for a nominal fee only if we have no conflicting activities planned on our North Campus. If accepted by the Board, the new proposal by Notes Live initiates possible construction of additional parking lots on TCA property and an access road from Spectrum Loop. Dr. Sojourner also explained that to date, TCA has received no funding from Notes Live, and the nominal fee for use of our current parking lot will be charged only if a rental date(s) is offered.

Regarding the new proposal for future construction, Dr. Sojourner communicated that there have been no decisions made regarding the terms offered by Notes Live. TCA's Board and Administration are pausing their efforts on a detailed evaluation and discussion of Sunset's proposal, until we learn more about a possible approval by the City Planning Commission when they meet in November to discuss the project. To date we have been clear with Notes Live that use of these new proposed parking lots has not been TCA Board approved, and accordingly, Notes Live is annotating in their plans that new parking spaces on TCA property are only "proposed."

Please be assured we continue to explore how this concept could benefit our school community, while also discussing the many associated safety and security ramifications. Dr. Sojourner and the Board will update our community as we learn more.

Safety and Security Update

Mr. Kevin Pacht, Director of Operations, gave an annual update on safety/security programs and processes at TCA, reiterating that safety, security, and health of our students and staff remains our highest priority. In addition to our annual update, every three years our schools are evaluated by an outside security agency, and this past July, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) assessed our current facilities, programs, and protocols. The DHS security advisor remarked, "TCA is lightyears ahead of most schools in the area of safety and security." Mr. Pacht stressed a continual focus on improvement through review, planning, process development, and training.

Digital Health Committee

Board members Scott Palmer and Sonya Wittleder updated the Board on efforts of the Digital Health Committee this past month. Feedback has been collected through the Town Hall, Campus Forums and staff solicitation, Academic Lead Team, Wellness Task Force and through our website Digital Health Anonymous Feedback Form. Comments received thus far have been detailed and mixed,

and the Committee continues to encourage community comments (submit comments [HERE](#)). The Committee is also looking at adding a Digital Health question on the parent survey in February and looks forward to upcoming school-specific focus groups. We encourage your continued participation as we explore this important topic.

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

Have a wonderful day,

Sonya Wittleder
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