

PARENT ADVISORY –5:30 –7:00

Tuesday, December 21st, 2021

Taos Academy

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Taos, NM

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Taos Academy Parent Advisory Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month. The Advisory committee welcomes parent participation. The mission of the committee is to help move the organization forward with strategic planning and quality assurance. Please review the norms, roles and agenda to further understand the structure of the meeting. Thank you and we look forward to ideas related to our mission.

Parent Advisory/Equity Council

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Meeting Agenda:

5:30 Attendance -

Respect time, come with solutions, win-win, champion a committee. This is a Parent Advisory and Equity Council meeting for Taos Academy.

Parent Advisory goals - Parents sharing ideas and concerns, championing a committee, finding a place in the school where you can contribute, encouraging other parents to participate.

Equity Council goals - Bridging the gap for servicing subgroups and the needs for equity in educational opportunities. Cultural responsiveness is part of the process for this group and working on a positive school culture.

5:45–7:00 Discussion items:

Equity Council Meeting:

- Recruitment - Looking for parents and students to join this team to represent all different populations at the school (ELLs, Special Education, Minorities, ethnic, socioeconomic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural differences.)
- Monthly Discussions - Communication to families regarding a culture of equity. Culturally Responsive Learning in Classrooms.

- December - Special Education
 - Activities will be continued at this meeting and all parents are encouraged to attend, especially those with Special Needs connections
 - Presentations by Students- Jourdan VanCulin
- January - Ethnic Subgroups - Native American, Hispanic/Latino
- February - Economically Disadvantaged

Parent Advisory Meeting:

- Winter activity planning-
- Facility Update -
- Community Schools update
- Other items
 - Parent Interviews research group from UNM
- MS Student Council Winter Ball
- Parent Q and A

Next meeting agenda items:

Equity Council: Agenda -

Traci Filiss Executive Director - Present
Jamie Lucero-Martinez - Program lead - present
H. Warren Kelly - ELL, Restorative Practices -Present
Cruz Duran-Economically Disadvantaged - Present
- Disabilities -
??? - Student -

Attendance:

We are working through year two of equity councils and refocusing our work statewide as we realize the impact the Pandemic has had on our schools and community. These guiding questions will be used to assist our council in redirecting our focus as students return to in-person learning.

- Are we aware of the ways in which our equity lens is impacted by our individual, institutional, and systemic biases?
- Does the work resulting from our equity lens foster improvement at all of the following levels: individual, institutional and systemic?

- Do we have structures in place to ensure that the work resulting from the equity lens is collaborative and transparent across the institution?

Introductions. Warren, Cruz, Jamie are circle keepers. Jeanette will take notes.

Circle - introduction to restorative practices - **COMMUNITY**

*The fundamental premise of restorative practices is that people are happier, more cooperative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes when those in positions of authority do things **with** them, rather than **to** them or **for** them.*

Community circle - intention is to thoughtfully get to know one another and make connections. To recognize what we have in common, both successes and challenges, is a hallmark of community.

Warm up - “for who the wind blows”. Change your place in the circle if:

Circle promises -

- a. Speak from the heart - your experience.
- b. Listen from the heart - let go of stories that make it hard to hear each other.
- c. Trust you will know what to say, no need to rehearse.
- d. Say just enough, without feeling rushed, be considerate of the time of others.

Circle Questions -

1. What is going well (at school)?
2. What is a challenge for you and your family?
3. What is something the group would know about you and your family, if we knew you very well?

Closing. Thank you for trying.

