

PARENT ADVISORY –5:30 –7:00

Tuesday, April 26th, 2022

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:

- **Connection Circles** - Community Building Promotes Equity. (Mr. Kelly)
 - Family to School, School to Family

Parent Advisory Meeting:

- Budget input
- IDEA B
- Title 1,2,4
- ELTP &K-12
- Spring events- 8th grade promotion, graduation, senior sunset
- Summer Programming
- Lottery
- EOY
- Facility
- Community Schools
- Equity Council
- Parent Q and A

Next meeting agenda items:

Equity Council: Agenda -

Traci Filiss - Executive Director
Jamie Lucero-Martinez - Program Lead
H. Warren Kelly - ELL, Restorative Practices
Cruz Duran-Economically Disadvantaged - Present
Students with Disabilities - need representation
Other areas

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?

Restorative Practices - Look for us at the STEM GALA on May 6th!

Taos Academy and Center for Restorative Programs: Tips for Home Circles to Connect as a Family

Connection Circles are common in Taos Academy classes to start classes.

What's a connection circle?

A connection circle is a tool used to promote understanding, share experiences, build relationships, and to problem solve. You can connect home and school this way.

Just as circles are used in classrooms at school, families can also hold circles at home.

Family members ask a question and each person gets their chance to share.

To make sharing easy, an object called a *talking piece* is used. It can be any object from around the house. It is passed from one person to the next to signify when it is someone's turn to share while everyone else listens **without interrupting**.

When and Why?

- During meals or while preparing meals
- During car rides, at bedtime, during daily routines
- Preparing for something stressful
- Celebrating and sharing good things

Circle Prompt Examples for Home - [virtual Dice Here](#)

1. One thing everyone should know is...
2. One thing I am grateful for is...
3. Something I did well today was...
4. Something I saw someone else in our family do well today was...
5. I am feeling ___ about (current event) because...



6. One thing that has been on my mind is ___ because...