

PARENT ADVISORY/EQUITY COUNCIL: 5:30 –7:00

Tuesday February 22nd, 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.*

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## **Meeting Agenda:**

### **5:30 Attendance -**

**Norms** - Respect time, come with solutions, win-win, champion a committee. This is a virtual Parent Advisory and Equity Council meeting for Taos Academy. Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) this meeting is being conducted in a Google Meet format.

**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.

**Parent Advisory Goals** - Parents sharing ideas and concerns, champion a committee, find a place in the school where you can contribute, encourage other parents to participate.

### **5:45–6:15 Equity Council:**

- Monthly Discussions - Communication to families regarding a culture of equity.
- February - Economically Disadvantaged.
- Staff professional learning continues to focus on using restorative practices, structured literacy across the curriculum, and will also include inclusivity training in April.
- What's all this about Norms? Restorative Practices - from the Feb Newsletter.
- Career and Jobs Fair

**6:15 - 7:00** Parent Advisory Group:

- Student-Led Conferences: Friday, March 4
- Spring Break: Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18
- State Testing
- School/Community Events
- Graduation
- Lottery

Parent Comments and Questions -

Next meeting agenda items -

Identify each area of equity council duties for each area.

<b>Traci Filiss Executive Director -</b>
<b>Jamie Lucero-Martinez - Program Lead</b>
<b>H. Warren Kelly - ELL - RP</b>
<b>CruzDuran-Economically Disadvantaged</b> -

## What's all this about NORMS? TACS Feb Newsletter 2022 Focus:

This January, Taos Academy welcomed students back and reviewed classroom norms. Families received a family welcome letter for this semester and teachers may talk about revisiting the classroom norms. **What's this all about?**

The school shares the same general School Rules. You can find the Student Code of Conduct in the Taos Academy Student Handbook ([Link Here](#)). On the other hand -

**NORMS** MAKE A GREAT LEARNING SPACE inside a particular classroom.

They are specific to the staff members, the subject matter. Teachers create NORMS **WITH** student input.

NORMS also explain what will happen when these NORMS are not respected and practiced. In other words - students and teachers discuss how the class will get back on track when there is a problem.

Lots of problems are predictable and can be addressed in a "NORMAL" way that is respectful and considers the feelings of both students and staff.

For example, a norm for a certain teacher might be that in his/her particular class the teacher has a basket for cell phones. When a student uses a cell phone without teacher permission, the teacher will simply say "in the basket." The students know to turn the phone off and place it in the basket without causing a conflict, or, they know that the phone will be taken by the teacher and the teacher will call the family, and a referral will be written to the Dean of students (school policy).

This gives the students and the teacher a choice to take a less stressful way to solve a common problem, and solve it in a way that gets what teacher and student both need *without immediate punishment*. It does NOT mean that the class ignores the problem or doesn't follow the school policy on cell phones. The NORMS are a community creation where a class decides how to handle these kinds of things in a way that works. It's about being in a relationship with people.

Remember - teachers and students follow NORMS and fix the predictable problems in class together. Using these social skills is good training for being a good future world citizen and aligns with our 21st Century teaching philosophy..

The RULES still apply! - If these classroom norms or class solutions for common problems don't work, Taos Academy still has rules.

**Norms don't contradict school policy; school life becomes more collaborative and personable when NORMS are the first, and preferred, approach to "holding it together" here at school.**

**Please have a chat with your child about the norms that were created in their classrooms.**

