PARENT ADVISORY MEETING 5:30 –7:00

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Taos Academy: On Campus and Virtual

110 Paseo Del Canon West Taos, NM

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***Taos Academy Parent Advisory Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month. The Parent Advisory Committee is a forum for parent voice and family participation. The mission of the committee is to help move the organization forward with strategic planning, quality assurance, and family service. Please review the norms, roles and agenda to further understand the structure of the meeting. Thank you for your partnership!***

Meeting Norms: Respect time, come with solutions, win-win, champion a committee and help spread information and resources to students and families.

* **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.

Parent Advisory/Equity Council Meeting Info:

[Join with Google Meet](https://meet.google.com/upc-gces-pcc?authuser=0&hs=122):

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**Meeting Agenda:**

**5:30 Attendance -** Dr. Traci Filiss, Jamie Lucero-Martinez, Carla Blea, Tanya Martinez-Gurule, [Elizabeth LeBlanc](mailto:eleblanc@taosacademy.org), Jeanette Henshaw, Tyson Burden

**5:45–7:00** **Discussion items:**

**Equity Council Meeting: No Meeting**

**Parent Advisory Meeting:**

* Principal Update - HS Rosetta Stone and EDGE classes are well underway. March 3rd TA will host our Student Led Conferences. If you would like to speak with a specific teacher please request their presence at your student's conference. Advisor may coordinate schedules.
  + Spring Break begins on Mar 10, 2023 through March 19th, 2023
* Facility Update - We have moved slowly into the CTE building. Currently Science Club and STEM class has been in the building and some small group services.
  + Taos News Success story featuring the new CTE building came out last Thursday, February 16th.
  + Summer projects - New turf design has been completed and installed this summer. Landscaping, Three outdoor education spaces: Tables for courtyard on Southside, in between the STEM and CTE will be a learning space for CCP, and finally an amphitheater.
* Community Schools - We are in the first year of implementation. The planning for our second year has begun. We are currently focused on facility use for this year: Outschool- student services, Teacher training for Max Scholar, Taos Alive Basketball program, TMS dance teams, After school music program, etc. Collaborations with other local schools.
* STEM - Thursday, March 9th at 5p.m New offerings for MS on March 8th. March 21st classes will begin. Fees are $10 for all classes except FIT Taos($20).
* Testing - Late March through April. Please review the upcoming Newsletter for exact Dates and times. NM-MSSA Math and Reading for 5th through 8th, NM-ASR 5,8,11 and College Board SAT is 11th.
* Graduation - Senior Class night is May, 17th, HS graduation is May 20th at 2pm. 8th grade promotion ceremony is May, 16th.
* Friday School - We are back in-person for tutoring! Please check emails regarding dates.
* Parent Q and A -
  + Are there other options beyond Rosetta Stone for studying foreign languages? Currently TA only has RS and UNM dual credit options. Tanya- Taos Library has an evening to support the community with Spanish. Spanish class at Taos Public Library Wednesday 5-6 community room
  + Information about the Science lab- Official ribbon cutting on May 5th at the celebration of learning. Possible tours will be given. What does the lab include? There are the basics, gas for bunsen burners and chemical fume hood are coming in the future.
  + How can my student participate in the Speech and Debate team at Taos High School - Contact Taos High School Speech and Debate team sponsor.

**Next meeting agenda items:**

* Testing
* Prom- Spring events
* Important dates -calendar of events
* April-Budget
* Calendar
* EC Meeting
* Recharter

**Equity Council: Agenda -**

| Traci Filiss Executive Director - |
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| Jamie Lucero-Martinez - Program Lead - |
| H. Warren Kelly - Multilingual Learning, Restorative Practices |
| Cruz Duran, Tami Martinson - Economically Disadvantaged |
| Elizabeth LeBlanc - Disabilities  Tanya Martinez-Gurule |
| Other needs - student representation by HS SAC |

**Focusing Questions:**

* 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?