

“A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY; A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE; AND FOR EVERY STUDENT, THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE”

The above statement serves as a guiding principal for decisions made by the Board of Trustees as it supports our mission and commitment to academics, arts, and athletics. The Board’s overriding desire is for each student to be happy and healthy and to achieve his or her potential at The Independent School. Board decisions are made in that light... so that every child learns to reach for the stars.

The Board is comprised of fifteen parents and community advocates, representing an energetic group of volunteers whose personal and professional experience brings diverse views and broad insights to school governance. One strength of The Independent School’s Board is that the majority of trustees have children enrolled at TIS, representing Lower, Middle and Upper Schools. Trustees have children with many varied interests and experiences. It is with this collective view that they serve TIS. As we grow in years, history, and successful graduates, we hope to add alumni to the Board to gain new perspectives and resources.



Trustees are committed to serving all members of The Independent School family. Partnership is a crucial element to a successful school. Working closely with the Head of School, Dr. Mary Dickerson, the Board oversees the financial well-being of TIS. In addition, the Board focuses on strategic steps and policies to ensure the stability and success of the school. Meeting eight times per year with the ability to meet additionally as needed, much of the Board’s work is done through committees. These committees are comprised of trustees, faculty and parents. Faculty and staff presentations, drawing from all aspects of school life, are common Board agenda items.

This summer, the Board of Trustees approved an updated Strategic Plan. Strategic areas are currently being addressed by the appropriate committee or task force. Many exciting educational initiatives have been agreed upon, and in continued partnership with Dr. Dickerson and her team, action steps have been identified, assigned and will be completed in the coming months. With growth and excellence in mind, funds are being raised to conduct a Space Utilization Study in order to evaluate our space and campus assets. This study will lead to a comprehensive plan that can be used as a roadmap for improvements supporting our athletic, arts and academic programming. The Strategic Plan is available on the TIS website.

The Independent School is a very special place. It means something different to each of us, and to our children. However, in common, we share the experience of developing the whole child/young adult with a student-centered education, resulting in secure, successful, lifelong learners. Trustees possessing varied interests, passions and experiences are focused on bringing together common elements to support and guide TIS. It is an honor to serve this outstanding community of excellent educators, dedicated parents, and exceptional students.

~TIS 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES