

Board Briefs

Addressing ISACS Recommendations

It hardly seems possible that our students have completed the first quarter of this school year. As you all know, our campus is a busy place; supporting many exciting events and learning opportunities. Just last Saturday, on the TIS campus, there was a Scholars' Bowl tournament, a Volleyball tournament, and a Chess tournament. While it is very exciting to see so many participants on our campus, it does underscore the importance of this year's board initiatives. As referenced in last month's Board Briefs, those initiatives are in response to the ISACS's report submitted to TIS from the visiting evaluation team last October. We want to provide you with an update on progress in those areas.

The Committee on *Policies and Procedures for a Safe and Secure School Environment* is chaired by Diane Worth and Dr. Mary Dickerson. Members of the committee are Lyndie Glidewell, Mark Andra, Dr. Jim Harris, Pat Argetsinger, Ann Riedy, Jennifer Gantz and Jane Link. This committee is charged with addressing issues concerning safety and security outside of regular school hours. This committee is in the process of identifying all potential safety issues such as, but not limited to: activities of children during sporting events, locks on school doors, and security outside of school hours. The committee will prioritize the issues and either update current policies and procedures or recommend new ones. Anyone who has concerns about existing practices is encouraged to contact a member of this committee with such concern.

The *Facilities Committee* is being chaired by Hal McCoy and Tina Gunderson. This committee is comprised of Michelle Jeffries, Joe Clements, Julie Barrett, Marcia Smola, Dave Roberts, Jennifer Gantz, Laura Tuttle, John Steere, Kim Packebush and Dr. Mary Dickerson. At the next Facilities meeting, the group will walk the entire campus, exploring all areas that need attention. Needs will be evaluated, and the appropriate actions will be taken. Also, the committee will be investigating the feasibility of conducting a *Space Utilization Study* to help define our current use of space and future needs. In addition, special attention will be given to our drainage situation. Please contact any member of this committee with any feedback you may have regarding this topic.

The *Development Committee*, chaired by Lynn Loveland is charged with raising funds for TIS in order to assure that the school can meet its stated mission. It is also the responsibility of the Development Chair to be aware of and understand all of the fundraising efforts taking place on behalf of TIS. This year, Lynn will be an active member of the Parent Executive Committee so that the Development Committee and parent group representatives can be working in partnership. While other financial opportunities can be explored, statistics show that the majority of the charitable giving at any Independent School comes from its parent and alumni base.

Thanks to those of you who attended the Dessert Event on Monday at Mark and Marita Soucie's home. Thanks to Mark and Marita for hosting such a wonderful evening offering parents an opportunity to connect with each other and Dr. Dickerson. Lower School Spanish teacher, Ms. Becker and the De Colores Choir performed providing an example of the special opportunities offered to our children at TIS. Those of you interested in attending the next Dessert Event on November 4th at the Packebush home, please RSVP to Debbie Conley at 686-0152 ext. 400.

It takes all of us to make TIS a special place for our children. Thanks for your support!

The TIS Board of Trustees