

Board Briefs

On Sept. 14th the TIS Board of Trustees held its Annual Meeting to recognize and thank outgoing Chair, Steve Dunne, and to elect and welcome new Chair, Kim Packebush. In addition, the board approved the appointment of four new trustees. We are pleased that the following individuals have agreed to serve TIS as board members: Andy Adams, Senior Counsel, Koch Companies, Cran Chase, Executive Vice President, Verus Bank, Jane Link, Human Resources Project Coordinator, Sedgwick County, Janet Robl, Community Volunteer. New trustees have completed an orientation workshop, and have taken an extensive tour of the entire campus. They are now, even more committed to TIS and where our school is headed in the future.

We also thanked Rob Patton for his service over the years. Diane Worth, having completed 2 terms of service, will remain on the board in an advisory role. Together, with Head of School, Dr. Dickerson, we are ready to start work on the tasks for this year! Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a board meeting was held.

This year the board will focus on 3 major initiatives. These initiatives were identified in the ISACS report as priorities, and, along with Dr. Dickerson, we have embraced them as our focus for the 10-11 school year.

- 1) **Development:** This committee will focus on creating a comprehensive development plan; including fund raising goals, overseeing the many fundraising efforts on campus, fostering new giving relationships and ensuring that funds are spent to best benefit our school.
- 2) **Facilities:** This committee will focus on our physical plant, develop a master plan and vision for the campus, review capital needs and projections as well as establish general maintenance programs.
- 3) **Safety and Security:** This committee will review existing safety practices and policies as they apply to all areas of our campus. This review will apply to all areas of student life as well.

Progress in these areas will be communicated on a regular basis. We are working to link Board Briefs to the Board of Trustees web page.

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You may have already received a call, or will soon, from a trustee thanking you for being part of the TIS community. Each family is a valuable asset to our school, and each child is important to the life of our school. We appreciate your family being here this year! We are parents too, so we understand the important decision that must be made regarding our children’s education. We are committed to making the experience for all children and their families at TIS a rewarding and meaningful one! THANK YOU for supporting TIS!!

Thanks, also, for completing the survey sent out by Dr. Dickerson. Your feedback will be used as a platform for a strategic planning session to be held in November. Teachers, parents, and board members will be included in this workshop as it is critical to capture a broad range of opinions and perspectives.

In closing, there is exciting work to be done, and we feel very positive about getting it accomplished. Expect regular communications and updates on progress! The Independent School is a wonderful community for our children to learn and thrive. Thank you for being a part of it. We are rolling up our sleeves to ensure that children today, and in years to come can be a part of TIS!

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