

Top 5- February 21, 2023

March & April Board Meetings

Please note, that due to Spring Break, the next two Board meetings are scheduled on **Tuesday, March 14**, and **Tuesday, April 25**, instead of the typical third Tuesday of the month.

Staff Survey

We thank all who participated in the Board's annual Staff Survey! Once again we saw strong response rates from both Elementary and Secondary campuses, as well as our two Summit programs, who are relatively new to the survey. We truly appreciate your thoughtful and candid insight. At the February 21 meeting the Board discussed the importance of these surveys, as well as the need to communicate to the administrators areas on which we would like them to focus based on survey feedback. As a next step, it was decided to provide each Principal with top 3-5 themes that the Board would like them to research and report back with additional context and proposed action plans.

Helping our Students Achieve Their Highest Academic Potential

We continue to focus on lifting our students and providing them with valuable pathways to success. At the February 21 meeting, the Board received an informative report about the concurrent enrollment opportunities for the JA high school students, specifically

- The Front Range Community College offers a variety of classes to our students, with a guaranteed credit transfer to all Colorado higher education institutions, and at least a partial credit acceptance at other colleges and universities across the country;
- The Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT), a Jeffco concurrent enrollment program which allows students to participate in college courses after their 12th grade year. This scholarship covers the cost of tuition; students pay for their own book and campus fees;
- The Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation (TREP) program, which creates the opportunity for qualified students in an educator career pathway to concurrently enroll in postsecondary

courses and earn college credit at no tuition costs to them or their families, for up to two years after the 12th grade year.

Each one of these programs is an excellent way for our students to further their education, prepare for the academic rigors and offset the costs of a post-secondary degree.

The Board also received a briefing on the successful Mock Trial program, which was brought to life during this school year by Ms. Grantham and dedicated members of our parent community, Brad Moloney and Tiffany Sorice.

PTO Efforts at Work

The JA Elementary PTO transformed the Teachers' Lounge into a modern, comfortable, and collaborative space, which will help our teachers recharge. Thank you for your outstanding effort and contributions PTO!

JA Strategic Plan, Core Values, and Academic Rigor

Over the last few years, our Board worked hard to strengthen the governance processes and develop a strategic pathway to success for Jefferson Academy. We are operationalizing our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan; incorporating the defined Core Values into curriculum, staff development, and overall organizational culture; and assigning actionable metrics to the academic rigor concept. We invite you to familiarize yourself with these important pillars that were collaboratively developed by our administrators, teachers, staff, and parents, and can be found on our JA website.

[Strategic Plan](#)

[Core Values](#)

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