



BOARD UPDATE

Welcome from the Board of Directors

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! As a board, we are grateful and excited about what God has planned for our school this year. The board recently met to set our goals and priorities for the upcoming year, mapping out work that will allow us to support our administration, plan strategically, and invest in our culture at ACA. As a board we wanted to share details on our strategic priorities with you to provide clarity on current and upcoming initiatives.

Board Communication

We will look to increase communication to the association. Agenda and meeting summaries will be shared in the Eagle Update. We will hold four Fireside Chats throughout the year in addition to our Annual Meeting in May. Fireside Chats are opportunities for you to hear updates from the board and administration and ask questions of them. Over the past year, our board has become more governance-focused as Mr. Knoll and his administration team have assumed the tactical roles. Throughout our communication, we will also look to provide clarity on roles and responsibilities between the board and administration.

Long-term planning

We will establish a long-term strategic plan (5+ years). The plan will outline multiple areas of focus that will include investments in academics, discipleship, and facilities. This includes assessing where a land purchase and additional facilities fit into the long-term strategies of ACA.

ACA Champions

We will launch a new initiative called ACA Champions! These groups will be composed of highly-engaged, faculty-selected parents that represent the diverse perspectives of our Association to champion our culture.

Tuition and Budget

We will continue our focus on the communication and execution of tuition and budget changes for the 2025-2026 school year to maintain awareness and open dialogue leading up to this change.

Board Nominations

We will review the board nomination process. This will include establishing an expanded timeline for candidates to work through the application and review process. We will continue to review our current process with a focus on adding clarity to practice and process.

By-law Changes

We will establish an annual cycle for by-law changes that enable a more comprehensive review period and feedback loop with the association. As we consider by-law changes, we will seek to follow the following timeline:

- o November: Initial draft proposed to the association.
- o January: Hold Q&A regarding proposed by-law changes at a Fireside chat
- o March: Propose final draft to the association to be voted on at the annual meeting in May
- o May: Vote will take place on any by-law changes

Note: the board does not anticipate major changes to our by-laws this upcoming year.

Last year we set cultural standards by articulating our values - academic excellence, Christ-centered discipleship, and authentic relationships. This year, we'll continue to highlight these values as they show up daily in the halls and classrooms at ACA. As a board, we will lean on our values to guide our work and ensure ACA thrives in each area. We look forward to connecting with you at our first Fireside Chat on September 12, at 6:30, where we will share more about these initiatives and answer questions. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members in the meantime with questions or comments.

We're looking forward to a great year at ACA and thankful for your partnership!

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