## On Campus New Directions

The past couple of years have been ones of growth and change for ASA from the ongoing restructure of the bandshell area to the restructure of the administration team going from a two Vice Principal to a three Dean -- Dean of Arts, a Dean of Academics and a Dean of Students -- platform to better support our students. We have learned a great deal through feedback channels offered to all of our stakeholders and continue the progress of making Arizona School for the Arts a safe and positive creative learning environment.

Since 2020, a lot of our collective work has been focused in the area of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. With the help of some outside experts ASA was able to put together an action plan that included practical education for our faculty and staff, devising an Equity Statement and forming a Core Equity Team (CET) composed of members of the Board, Administration, faculty, students body and parent community. Over the past semester, the CET has worked assiduously on revising the ASA Equity Statement, updating the DE&I page on our website, and keeping us all apprised of their doings in a *The Bridge*. We hope you will take a look at all of the great work they are doing!

It is difficult to believe that we are already planning for the 2023-2024 school year, but it is open enrollment time again. Some of you may remember the feeling of submitting your application and waiting (fingers crossed) for your name to be selected in the lottery in January or February. As Alumni, you are our best advertisement for Arizona School for the Arts. We ask you to share our Enrollment page with those in your network who may have students interested in attending ASA in the next school year. Everything they need to know is available there, including a sign-up for upcoming campus tours. The application period ends February 23, 2022.

Speaking of networks, ASA is in search of filling some key positions including a <u>Principal</u> and a <u>Dean of Students</u> beginning in the 2023-2024 year. Applications for both positions are being accepted though January 15th and then the interview process begins!