



Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars

Parent Teacher Association

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MINUTES FOR TAG PTA MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Meeting Time: 8:15 AM – 9:15 AM
Meeting Location: TAG Library

I. Call to Order

- A. PTA Co-President, Nina Reiniger, called to order the TAG PTA meeting on Tuesday, December 12th past 8am in the Library of the Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars.
- B. PTA Exec Board members, made sure parents and TAG teachers signed the attendance sheets.

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- A. Minutes were not available. Next Meeting (January meeting) will have to approve November and December meeting minutes.

III. Committee Reports

- A. **SLT.** Pamela Simon discussed SLT. They voted in their group, they only had 2 meetings thus far. Someone asked who the SLT were made up of. Pam answered 3 elected parents, someone from administration (Principal C or Mr. Dascal), 1 teacher and a staff member. They are currently looking for a non-teacher staff member to fill the position. Parent asked about the detention being discussed in the SLT meetings, Pam replied children must be disciplined but they are researching the best measures and are trying to figure it out. Nina said Mr. Dascal set up meetings to talk to students and he said there is a lack of staffing to assist with disciplinary actions. 1 parent said Chancellor's report said parents are supposed to be notified for all disciplinary actions. Pam said teachers said at a class level action, they are notifying the parents. If it's in the lunch room Mr. Dascal said he's working on a process. Pam said all parents should reach out to the school on their own as individuals to communicate with school staff about their children. 1 parent said children are being pulled to the office and threatened to be suspended. We all agreed we need to find a happy medium b/c children should not get their recess taken away. The 19th is the next SLT meeting. 1 parent asked for step by step process for discipline actions. Inquiring about the process, the notifying the parents, etc. Another parent asked to be careful what we ask for, if we get administration to provide a letter of disciplinary actions, they will have to abide by it, and can cause our children to have more repercussions than we'd like. Another parent said we have the OARS report and it list everything but we must be careful b/c our child can get infractions and it will follow them throughout the NYC school system.
- B. **Treasurer Report** – report was handed out. No questions.
- C. **Budget**
 1. Co-VPs of Budget Eric Crump and Anando went over the budget and they will circulate the updated budget later today. Parent asked can the budget be voted on "on-line"? the answer is no, everyone

casting a vote must be in attendance of a meeting. All ideas and comments can be shared via email, though. 1 parent asked how can we make sure we keep the music teacher. Another parent said the administration ultimately says so. Another parent asked the voting on the budget process. Budget committee will try to narrow it down options at the budget committee meetings and then take it to the floor. Eric said they try to make a series of proposals. Another parent said we need a process, we need to know how we do this whole budget process, she stated that the budget process is not widely known by all parents. Johnae said they are working on flow chart. The parent said parents need to know who is in charge of what and how things work, they need the flow chart.

D. **Audit** – Audit report is almost complete. Will notify the general parent body when it is done.

E. **Communications**

1. VP Pam Simon said the next meeting is tomorrow, at 8:15am. They are working on the Logo Design they have a parent working on an app and they are working on a new website.

B. **Enrichment**

1. VP Brandee Williams said they are working on relaunching the new current programs they already have (mandarin, chess and piano). They are looking to extend the dance program. 1 parent asked if they considered dance for K, the response was there's no program for K as of yet. Brandee reminded everyone it's a hard balance to manage, we need dedicated parent volunteers to ensure things run smoothly. 1 parent stated there were a lot of new programs that launched out of nowhere, is there any way to get a better advance notice of programs to be launched or in the works so parents can try to prepare? The answer was no, b/c most of these programs are pilots, to test them out, so see if they are good fit for our TAG community and our time, budget and staff, etc. Has Sci-tech started, Brandee said yes, it has started.

B. **Family Engagement**

1. Johnae gave an update about family night and reminded everyone to register for the upcoming ski strip.

C. **Fundraising**

1. Melinda was the project manager for the book fair and she gave an update. They raised over \$2,000. Anna and Namita gave an update, iPledge was going very good. They wanted to encourage all families to still continue to support.

II. Principal's Report

Ms. Powell our parent coordinator was present to take some questions and apologized for Ms. C nor Mr. Dascal being present.

III. **Adjournment:** Anand Raghunath motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nina seconded the motion. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Laura Lampert & Rasheedah Harris, TAG PTA Co-Secretaries

Minutes approved by:

Nina Reiniger, TAG PTA Co-President