



Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MINUTES FOR TAG PTA MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: TAG Cafeteria

I. Call to Order

- A. PTA Co-Vice President, Norma Corvera, called to order the TAG PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:05 pm in the cafeteria of the Talented AND Gifted School for Young Scholars. Catherine Levine seconds. Co-Presidents Trina Edmundson and Anand Raghunath are unable to attend the meeting.
- B. Co-Secretary, Laura Lampert, made sure both parents and TAG teachers signed the attendance sheets. The following people were present: (see attendee list in secretary's binder)

II. Reading and approval of the minutes

- A. Due to technical difficulties, hard copies of the October 11, 2016 PTA meeting minutes were unavailable.

III. SLT Report. Anand Raghunath was unavailable to give the SLT Report.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Fundraising Committee –
 1. Co-chairs Catherine Levine and Pam Simon presented the information. iPledge raised a little over \$80,000, which is short of the goal of \$90,000. They extended the campaign to November 4, which is also Movie Night. iPledge Day is Thursday, November 3 and someone will be in Ms. Bruno's office to receive donations. We are asking for the students to wear their iPledge tags that day.
 2. It is also used Uniform Sale Day and we ask parents to bring in gently used clothing from 7:30 – 8:30 am, and to come in at 10:30 to purchase uniforms in the outer yard. There is no rain date; it will be cancelled if there is rain.
 3. Wednesday, November 2 is the Sweet Harvest Bake Sale, and also Career Day for K – 2.
 4. Friday, November 4 is Movie Night, which is free to enter for adults, and there will be a concession stand for purchase of refreshments. Childcare is \$7 and includes a different movie for the children and dinner. Children in K – 3 will be in the cafeteria, supervised, as will grades 4 – 8 and there will be games.
 5. Dine-Out – a restaurant gives a portion of their sales to the PTA, and we may be having the next Dine-Out at Napoleon's, potentially on Friday the 18th.
 6. Picture Day will be November 29. We need volunteers. There will be Picture Day retakes later in the year. Responding to a question of another yearbook, Pam said we're in discussion about

publishing another yearbook. Nina Reiniger reminded the parents that pictures from Picture Day would be in the yearbook.

7. Talent Show – auditions start in January and they need a Project Manager. Pam said someone is needed for backstage, A/V, managing rehearsal times. We need to share the help.
8. In response to Ms. Bernstein’s question on where Sweet Harvest will be, Pam says the bake sale will be set up in the hallway by the auditorium.
9. In response to a TAGwear question, TAGwear will hopefully be selling the same day as Uniform Day.

B. Communications Report –

1. Co-Chair Nina Reiniger presented the information. There was a survey on the website to determine what has been good and bad about our TAG PTA’s website, and there were over 50 respondents. The biggest problem was navigation of the website. We are looking for volunteers who know about streamlining a website.
2. The newsletter has gone out and we’ve decided to put it out on the last Monday of the month to give information for the following month.

V. Treasurer’s Report

1. Co-Chair Rebecca Yoftahie said that of the \$85,000 from iPledge about \$60,000 has been collected and \$10,000 is being held. We also have recurring payments.
2. Cooking With TAG event will be November 19 and we are already collecting money.
3. 5th Grade Dance – we are already collecting money and Fundraising has been collecting money for Box Tops.
4. Expenses – Day care / child care for PTA meetings, for the PTA website which is \$99/year to host the site, PTA insurance and New Victory Theatre.
5. There was \$800 in fees in our Pay Pal account.
6. We paid a deposit for the Ski Trip, which will probably be in January.
7. There was a positive change of \$58,000, bringing the total to a little over \$218,000.

VI. Principal’s Report

- A. Vice Principal Dascal gave the Principal’s Report on behalf of Principal Cesar, who was unable to attend. On behalf of Principal Cesar he thanked the PTA for all the PTA has done.
- B. Thursday, November 3 will be Parent Teacher conferences. K – 4 should be signing up through the website; the problem online was solved. K – 4 conferences will be in the classrooms. Conferences will be from 12 – 3pm and then 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- C. For parents of students in grades 5 – 8: 5th and 6th grade teachers will be in the auditorium, there will be 5 – 6 tables with seats sectioned off in 5 or 6 grade sections. This will help in seeing each teacher you need to see. There will be something similar for 7th and 8th grade teachers.
- D. Mr. Wong the gym teacher will not be there. He will be there after his final gym class. He also works for Esperanza High School in the afternoon.
- E. Responding to a question about bringing children to the conferences again, Mr. Dascal says it hasn’t changed as it’s better to have students there. They are trying to move away from student-less conferences but the students are certainly invited to participate.

VII. Y Director Report

- A. Y Director Andrea Scott greets the parents and explains that due to the parent teacher conferences on Thursday, November 3 there will be no after care on that day. It is a half day; make sure that children

are picked up by 11:00 am.

- B. They are working on more items for the Enrichment Program.
- C. For information contact Ms. Scott by phone or email: ascott@ymcanyc.org

VIII. General Information

- A. Norma said that last week Trina and she were interviewing for Teacher Assistant's and an Enrichment coordinator. Two people seemed very good, and they referred them to Principal Cesar, who has the final word. If approved and their paperwork is approved they will be hired.
- B. Kathy Powell-Manning is not here but the Debate Team has been happening. Mandarin is starting next week. Debate and Chess have tournaments every month. And Field Day will be happening in May.

IX. Question & Answer – Norma opens up the floor for questions. No questions are presented.

X. Adjournment –

- A. Norma motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm. Co-Secretary Laura Lampert seconded the motion. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Laura Lampert, TAG PTA Co-Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Trina Edmundson, TAG PTA Co-President