



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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Treasurer

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Secretary

MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday September 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual, via Zoom

Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Present?</i>
Johnae Ferguson	President	Y
Rasheedah Harris	Vice President	Y
Liz Butler	Secretary	Y
Yue Zhang	Treasurer	N
VACANT	VP of Family Engagement	--
Kiersten Franz	Co-VP of Grants	Y
Felix Garcia	Co-VP of Grants	N
Steven Leshnower	Co-VP of Audit	Y
Anatoly Garelik	Co-VP of Audit	N
Shazia Naz Anam	VP of Budget	N
Marco Tomaschett	Co-VP of Communications	Y
Dan Rubenstein	VP of Fundraising	Y
VACANT	VP of Enrichment	--
Mr. Jonathan Dascal	Principal	Y
Ms. Jennifer Cosme	Assistant Principal	Y

Quorum (minimum 2 executive board members and 6 parent members):

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order, President's Welcome**
 - A. Vice President calls the meeting to order @ 6:06PM and turns it over to the President
 - B. President introduces herself and welcomes everyone
- II. **President's Report**
 - A. President provides an overview of the agenda including elections for SLT, Enrichment chair and Family Engagement Chair
 - B. VP gives an overview of the positions available and specifically what the SLT is.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. VP apologized for a lack of minutes from the June 2021 General Meeting
- IV. **Principal's Report**
 - A. Principal spoke about having to verify all parents in the meeting in order for the elections to take place.
 - B. Principal, VP, President and Secretary went into a breakout room to discuss logistics of the verification process and how long it would take.
 - C. Further discussion was had regarding SLT
 - D. Everyone rejoined the meeting
 - E. Mr. Dascal discussed the different entrances to the building and the procedure for student arrival and dismissal. He also spoke about the DOE health screening process and some problems the school has been experiencing with buses arriving late. Mr. Dascal addressed a parent question regarding student lunch periods and the fact that many students choose not to eat lunch and stay outside to play.
- V. **Treasurer's Report**
 - A. No report given
- VI. **School Leadership Team Report**
 - A. No report given
- VII. **Committee Updates**
 - A. No updates given
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. Special Elections - Secretary explained the election process and the available positions. Some technical difficulties resulted in a delay in the elections.
 - B. VP of Enrichment
 - a) Secretary asked for nominations
 - b) Amit Joshi nominated himself. He gave a short introduction of himself.
 - c) Fangyu Chen nominated herself. She gave a short introduction of herself.
 - d) Amit and Fangyu decided to run together for co-VP of Enrichment.
 - e) Secretary ran the zoom poll and Amit and Fangyu were elected as the new co-VPs of Enrichment.
 - C. VP of Family Engagement
 - a) Secretary asked for nominations.
 - b) No one nominated themselves or another.
 - c) Secretary said we will continue to look and hold another election at the October General Meeting.
 - D. STL
 - a) It was stated that there were two open positions.

- b) There was some discussion regarding the voting process that should be used to best achieve fair results.
 - c) Rank choice was discussed as well as some other options, however it was determined that it would be difficult to implement any such options so late in the process.
 - d) Secretary asked for nominations
 - e) John Lee nominated himself. He gave a short introduction of himself.
 - f) Heather White Godfrey nominated herself. She gave a short introduction of herself.
 - g) Fangyu Chen nominated herself. She gave a short introduction of herself..
 - h) Secretary ran the zoom poll and John Lee was the winner.
 - i) Further discussion was had regarding the voting process and it was realized that there was actually only one open SLT position anyway.
 - j) President decided to nominate the VP as her SLT delegate thereby opening up a second SLT spot (the VP was already sitting on the SLT and with the president's delegation was able to resign that seat).
 - k) It was decided that we should rerun the poll, this time with all three two person tickets as an option instead of each individual listed as an option.
 - l) The poll was run. The Lee/Godfrey ticket was elected for the two open SLT positions.
 - m) Fangyu Chen expressed concern over the delay that was caused by confusion over the number of open SLT spots and the voting process. She stated that she thought the delay resulted in less voters and therefore an unfair election. Many board members addressed her concerns, indicating that while the delay most likely did result in less voters, there is nothing inherently advantageous about that for any given candidate.
- E. TAGWear Update - VP and Secretary informed the parents that we are looking for a new TAGWear vendor and hopefully more stock will be available soon. In the meantime, students are allowed to wear just red sweat pants and a white t-shirt for gym.
- F. Budget - A parent commented that the DOE regs require the PTA to reapprove the June budget at the September meeting. As no one was prepared to do this, the group decided to put the vote off until the October meeting,
- G. YMCA Afterschool - Ms. Scott spoke briefly about the YMCA afterschool program. Specifically that there were upcoming orientation meetings for parents and that there was a new director for the middle school program.

IX. Adjournment