



**Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars
Parent Teacher Association**

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PTA Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 21, 2019

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- A. PTA Co-President, Kathy Fernando, called to order the TAG PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 8:15 am in the auditorium of the Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars.
- B. Co-Secretary, Rasheedah Harris, made sure parents and TAG teachers signed the attendance sheets.

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- A. Hard copies of the April PTA meeting minutes were distributed. Rasheedah moved to approve the minutes. Parent seconds. Minutes approved.

III. Committee Reports

- 1. Family Engagement, Trina and Kate spoke. The children are playing in the playground, as a pilot program, K – 3. It's been successful, the children are enjoying tremendously. They discussed the 100 for 100 fundraising initiative. To drive more participation, a parent asked to anonymously donate 10k if we as a school are able to raise \$10k within 2 weeks. And Kalahari is June 22nd weekend. The Teacher's appreciation Sip and Paint was a success. The Welcome Mixer Event has been pushed back (in regards to the date). They will give the new date soon.
- 2. Audit – Brandee spoke. They are working on the budget and it will be complete soon.
- 3. Communications is working on updating the website and is anyone is interested in helping, contact communications.
- 4. Enrichment. Liz and Sheri spoke. Last Filed day was today everything went well. Archetict class is new and they are asking for parent feedback for thos participating. Chess and Debate has cut to the budget, if you want to help, please try to donate more, the money we raise now, the more we'll have in the budget to help with keeping these programs going. If you're interested, in Debate, Sheir is stepping down as debate coach. Contact Enrichment if you want to help.
- 5. Fundraising
- 6. Grants. Makiko spoke. The participatory budget application was submitted and we did not win the hydroponics garden. We can try to write some private grants, if you come across any application or grant opportunities, please contact us to discuss. If you're interested in taking on the role as the new co-vps of grants, let us know, we will not be able to stay on, so we are looking for new co-vps to take over.

7. Nominating Committee. Eric Crump spoke emails will go out soon, information is on the website. June 18th is the Election Day. The last General PTA meeting of the school year. A parent asked if we can have more than one “co’s” for the committees. Eric said no, as per our ByLaws. Rasheedah stated the ByLaws can change.

IV. Treasurer’s Report –

- A. Anatoly spoke. Handed out the Treasurer’s report and discussed numbers. He is still working on all these numbers and trying to confirm numbers. Rasheedah reminded everyone at the beginning of this school year, we had Treasurer’s voted in last June and had to step down. Then Johnae and another parent were voted in. The other parent had to step down. And Anatoly stepped up and was voted in with Johnae. All that to say we are still trying to get the numbers together.
- B. Questions asked about the numbers and Anatoly confirmed that he’s still crunching the numbers. There is still money left in the Teacher’s assistant’s line, for example. Wondering if we confidentially saying we have \$250k? or more or less? Kathy said we are still working on it we will have a firmer number soon. A parent discussed knowing the true number we have available.

- V. Fundraising. Ami spoke. Rehearsals were last week, they have another rehearsal coming up. Tickets are on sale they are preparing for that. Kate asked if they can arrange to videograph the show. Ami said yes. They can videograph and sell it. About a 15% bump up since our 501C3 has been reinstated. So that’s good.

- VI. Budget Committee. Yuko spoke. They reminded everyone of the budget process. Committee level will discuss and draft up, will present it to the executive board, where they will assess for feasibility and then present to the general parent body to vote on at the last general pta meeting. Yuko said we sent on the safe side, we used \$200k and went over it with the committee.

Recess support was discussed. It was said that the playground may start construction. We may want to have money in that account and will have to rely on some recess programs. Question about STEM. The line was decreased. Why? It was zeroed out, needs to be discussed more with administration. We don’t have enough money. A parent asked if the budget proposed on June 18th, will the additional information be available for all parents? The parent want the LAST Year Budget’s spend next to NEXT YEAR’s Budget proposed spend. They said yes, it will be in that format. Budget will take this back to their committee for discussion. Budget proposals will continue to come in. Contact Budget if you have a proposal or you have any questions or concerns.

- VII. **Adjournment** 9:15 am – Kathy Fernando motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laura Lampert seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Rasheedah Harris, TAG PTA Co-Secretaries

Minutes approved by:

