



# Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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## MINUTES FOR TAG PTA MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Meeting Time: 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: TAG Cafeteria

### I. Call to order

- A. Sara Andrade-Coates, Co-Secretary called to order the TAG PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:06pm.

### II. Reading & approval of the minutes

- A. Hard copies of the April PTA meeting minutes were made available for all attendees.
- B. Pamela Simon motioned to approve the minutes. Laura Lampert seconded the motion.

### III. SLT Report:

- A. Judy Ann said that the next meeting is May 10th. We are starting to develop the CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) for 2016 – 17.

### IV. Committee reports:

#### A. Budget report:

- a. Pamela Simon, Chair of Budget, explains that what we are expected to have next year based on the monies we have so far. We have about \$150,000 to work with. Singapore Math costs have gone down but the invoice came in and the cost is being shared with TAG. Chess in curriculum will stay the same for K – 1. (Spreadsheet of such costs can be found in the Secretary binder)
- b. A good bulk of our budget goes towards our Enrichment programs. Dance unfortunately didn't happen; we are taking it off for next year so we can focus on our other items. Debate grant was given for last year. Next year it will no longer be available. Cost will come from PTA. Field Day – we are looking to have it in June of the next school year. Math Club – Kathy Powell-Manning and Jennifer Fiore did a lot to bring it in. It includes Math Olympians, intended for our girls to participate, and Crazy 8's, intended for our lower grades. Phys Ed / Recess Support – the feedback is that Mr. Anthony is great with the kids. Poets in the Classroom – we are looking to expand it and add an additional grade. Theatre Program – the pilot for this year was very successful.
- c. Co-President, Trina Edmundson, asked parents to take home the 2016 – 17 budget proposal. Asked parents to look it over, think about it and be part of it.

#### B. Membership expenses:

- a. Regarding the Learning Leaders program. We are doing it bi-annually for now, as we found that parents weren't really utilizing it. John Johnson brought up regarding the Enrichment program that it might be

good to know how many participants were in each item. Parent asked about concern for there being enough middle school lockers for next year, with the three 5th grade classes moving up. We will be voting on this budget at our next PTA meeting and it is very important to attend so we meet quorum in order to vote.

**C. Fundraising:**

- a. Co-Chair, Catherine Levine said that the silent auction brought in over \$25,000 which was the goal. The Talent Show is Friday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m. We have many ongoing fundraisers.
- b. Ms. Edmundson, Co-President, mentioned that the auction goal was \$25,000 and we made over \$23,000 the day of the event and made the rest afterward. She thanked everyone who helped us reach this goal.

**D. Membership:**

- a. Ilaria Mogno, Co-Chair, spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week and that we have some things planned. The Welcome Picnic will be on Saturday, June 18th from 12 – 3pm.

**E. Enrichment:**

- a. Kathy Powell Manning and Jennifer Fiore, Co-Chairs. Jennifer said that the chess tournament is in a few weeks and more volunteers are needed. Kathy said that on May 13th the 1st grade class and one middle school class will go to the poetry festival at City College. For June 2017 – Field Day volunteers are needed. The Debate Team is going to the state championship.

**F. Communications:**

- a. Sherry Henry, Co-Chair, mentioned that the class emails will be posted to the PTA site for the parents who can't see them.
- b. Trina said that seats are up for Fundraising, Grants, Membership and Budget, so please come to the June 7th meeting.

**V. Treasurer's report:**

- A. Rebecca Yoftahie, Co-Chair, mentioned that this month was successful, and thanked everyone regarding the auction. The total for the auction was \$19,000 as funds haven't been allocated yet. iPledge is going well and donations are still coming in. TAGwear is still coming along. Picture Day, the Chess Tournaments generated \$900 and fully sold out. The Dave & Busters fundraiser brought in \$500. The Talent Show tickets have brought in \$260 so far. Expenses – some bills from the beginning of the year hadn't been paid out. Pay Pal fees are about \$500 for this month and there are expenses for basketball. Ending balance is \$149,632.59.

**VI. Principal's report**

- A. Principal Cesar was not able to be present. Jonathan Dascal, Assistant Principal, gave the report. Mr. Dascal thanked all of the parents involved in making the TAG Gala such a good event. He thanked everyone for the work they do for TAG, for students, staff. There are about 40 school days remaining in the year. Curriculum- all of the K – 7 classes will begin working on the curriculum of the successive grade. 8th graders are preparing for their Regents and Spanish Proficiency exams. For the 8th grade parents, Wednesday, May 11 at 5:45 the info on senior dues, the senior trip, prom, graduation and full Regents schedule will be available. Regarding academics and assessments, the K – 2 and 6th – 7th end of year student measurement performance will be coming up. They are also doing the final round of iReady, computer assessments. iReady will be available through summer as well so log in to iReady during the summer. The results of the Quality Review are still pending. We appreciate the time that the parents took with this. Kindergarten moving up ceremony will be on June 15th. The 5th grade will be Tuesday, June 21st. There will be a celebration of their moving up ceremony on June 3rd so students celebrating Ramadan can enjoy themselves. The 8th grade graduation is Friday, June 24th.

## **VII. Question & Answer period**

- A. John Johnson, TAG parent, asked for information on which high schools the 8th graders are going to attend. Mr. Dascal, mentioned they had extremely successful acceptance. More students percentage wise are going to specialized high schools and private schools, many of our kids are also going to Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech.
- B. Parent asked about the Science State test. Mr. Dascal, informs parents of the scheduling for the exam. Mr. Dascal informs parents of the breakdown of the assessment. It takes place in two parts. Information with specifics will be given out very soon.
- C. Anand Ragunauth, Co-President, said that next month, June 7th, are the PTA elections. There are three spots available for the voting committee. Mr. Ragunauth encourages parents to nominate fellow parents to these available positions.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- A. 6:52 pm, Mr. Ragunauth, Co-President, motioned adjourn the meeting. Sara Coates, Co-Secretary, seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.