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PTA Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 15, 2019

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- A. PTA Co-VP at Large, Nadeige Sekyiamah, called to order the TAG PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:15 pm in the auditorium of the Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars.
- B. Co-Secretary, Rasheedah Harris, announced we did not have a printed Agenda for this meeting. She made sure parents and TAG teachers signed the attendance sheets. The Nomination Committee as well as authorized TAG Administration Staff designated by The Principal, made sure all attendees were verified parent / legal guardians and signed in accordingly.

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

- A. Technical difficulties prevented the Secretary from having the printed minutes from September's meeting. Rasheedah Harris, PTA Secretary, announced the next meeting, November's meeting we will read and approve September and October meeting minutes.

III. Guest Speaker from Figure Skating in Harlem Ice representative spoke. Ms. DeAbreau (a former TAG teacher and current, substitute teacher and tech teacher, afterschool with YMCA), was one of the founding members of this program. He discussed the program and further information is on our PTA website and you can find more information on their website, please subscribe to receive information about their program at <https://figureskatinginharlem.org/>

IV. Principal's Report – Principal Cesar spoke. Stated we are fully adjusted well adjusted into the lessons and lesson plans, using data from state tests as well as we had Rally tests, to help gauge where some students are. Teachers will share the results in the November Parent Teacher's Conferences. Rally test results will not be included in your child's report card. It's simply to help assessment the the child. Ms. C introduced the 2 teachers present, middle school teachers: Ms. Lake (7th and 8th grade) and Ms. Cataldi (5th and 6th grade). Ms. Cataldi is new to TAG. Ms. C introduced AP, Mr. Dascal. They notified us that they just hired a teacher for 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Gore. The 2nd TA for Kindergarten is going through the hiring process, can take 2-6 weeks time frame to complete the process and hope it's on the shorter end so she can start sooner than later. Update on the 5th Grade math books (class 572), Mr. Dascal said the books ordered

from Mr. Haitrum class. They ordered the books in the previous spring, they ordered 70, they opened a new 5th class, they ordered an addition 15 books, they accepted some more 5th grade students, and they will put a rush on the additional books they need. 32, 30, 30 (class size) of the 5th grade classes, as per a parent's question. Ms. C introduced Mr. Johnson our PC and they announced the Coffee and Tea to discuss the State Test Results, scheduled the next day has been re-scheduled. Mr. Johnson announced at Digital Well Being Workshop will be tomorrow at PS/MS 7 (on 120th Street). Thursday is dress down if you wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

V. Mark Levin, PTA President - introduced himself, reiterated that the other Co-President resigned and Mark is our sole President for the PTA. He reiterated the committees and the VPs needed for Fundraising and Enrichment.

VI. Elections. Mark opened up the floor for nominations.

- A. Steve Leshnowar and Dan Rubenstein both nominated themselves to Co for Fundraising
- B. Carly Hilios and Don Itshaik both nominated themselves to Co for Enrichment.
- C. Racheli Vidal nominated herself to fill the SLT Vacancy.

Elections carried on and all nominees won positions, unanimously, uncontested.

VII. District 4 President's Council. Mark Levin announced that we have a parent, Kenneth Shaw, who was D4's President's Council last year, we'd like to appoint him to represent TAG at the D4 President's council, in place of Mark Levin, our PTA President. If Kenneth has a successful PTA election and is voted in as PTA president at his other school, Rasheedah Harris will be appointed to represent TAG's President at the D4 President's council. We voted as a general parent body to allow Kenneth and/or Rasheedah to be the official appointee at the D4 President's Council. It was voted for, unanimous and uncontested.

VIII. Committee Report:

Family Engagement. Trina spoke about the committee, class parents had their training. Everyone should've received their emails this week from their class parents. New Parent Mixer is coming up. Announced events coming up.

Communications. Marco and Luigi introduced themselves.

Enrichment. Nadeige spoke and gave updates for enrichment programs launch this week

Fundraising. Mark gave an update on TAG Wear and will launch ipledge soon

Grants. VP James was not present. They submitted a request to get funding from the City Council for Water Station filter systems.

Audit. Lacey introduced herself.

CEC. Eric Crump spoke and gave next CEC meeting date.

IX. Treasurer’s Report – report was handed out and discussed.

It was discussed to please track and share the grants we received.

X. Adjournment 8pm – Rasheedah Harris motions to adjourn the meeting. Laura Lampert seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Rasheedah Harris, TAG PTA Secretary

Minutes approved by:
