



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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TAG PTA General MEETING

Date: Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Zoom

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/President's Welcome - (6:05)

- Successful multicultural potluck
- TAG Chess Tote Bag on Sale
- TAG's Elementary School debate team earned 3rd Place Sweepstakes overall and 2nd Place in the Elementary Novice Sweepstakes, along with several individual awards

II. Administrative Updates (Mr. Dascal) (6:11-6:28)

1. TA Update (Ms. Allie, supporting kindergarten since December 5. Ms. Vijaba, starting January 5 after winter recess, supporting first grade. If funding allows, the school hopes to hire an additional TA.)
2. OmniCard update (The long-standing OmniCard issue has been resolved. Nearly 200 OmniCards were deactivated in the first three months due to loss or malfunction. A system breakdown delayed replacements, but all eligible students now have cards, with backups available. Families are urged to help children protect OmniCards to avoid future shortages.)
3. Visitor policy reminder (Parents must show ID, sign in with school safety, and report directly to the TAG main office. Parents may not go directly to classrooms, even to drop off items, due to safety protocols. Recent violations prompted this reminder; adherence is essential for building safety)
4. State testing information:
ELA testing window: April 14–24 (two consecutive days will be selected; computer-based).
Math testing window: April 28–May 8.
Grades 3–8 take ELA; grades 3–7 take math; grade 8 takes Algebra Regents.
Grade 5 science testing is expected in mid-May.
Exact dates will be shared once finalized.
5. Facilities note: The schoolyard cannot be plowed because it is managed by the Parks Department, not the school.

III. Treasury report (6:28):

- As of December 15, expenses total **over \$162,000**, reflecting the mid-year point.
- The PTA still has **over \$317,000 in cash** across two accounts (Chase checking and Live Oak savings).
- The report and meeting minutes were shared in the chat.

IV. Committee Updates (6:30-6:45)

1. Fundraising updates:

- **Bake sale:** Raised over **\$1,200**, thanks to organizers, bakers, and volunteers.
- **Swag bag fundraiser:** Going well; bags are being packed and distributed this week, with volunteers helping with logistics.
- **Picture Day:** Positive feedback overall. Families are encouraged to order photos; at least **40% participation** is required for the PTA to earn funds. Current participation is about **14%**.
- **Sibling Photo & Makeup Day:** Scheduled for **Monday, January 26**.
- **Additional fundraising opportunities:**
 - **ArtSonia:** Families can order items featuring children's artwork; **20% of proceeds** go directly to TAG art supplies.
 - **Minted:** A **20% off** promo code is available for holiday cards and stationery, benefiting the PTA.
- **Gala announcement:** The annual gala will return to the **Salesforce Ohana Floor (41st floor)**.
 - **Date:** Thursday, **March 19**.
 - More details, auction item requests, and volunteer sign-ups will be shared in the new year.
 - Volunteers are strongly needed, as this is the **largest fundraising event** of the school year.
- **iPledge fundraising update:**

The PTA reached its **\$120,000 year-end goal**. A class-based competition resulted in **Ms. Hopper's and Mr. Branson's classes** earning movie afternoons; all other classes will receive a **dress-down day**.

A **\$5,000 one-to-one matching challenge** was completed successfully.

iPledge remains the PTA's core fundraiser, with an overall **\$300,000 annual goal**.

Families are encouraged to donate, use **monthly pledges**, and take advantage of **corporate matching programs**, with support available from the fundraising team.

2. Family Engagement Committee:

- **Ice skating at Wollman Rink:** March 8
- **Kalahari family trip:** June 4–6 (overnight option)
- **Readathon:** Last Friday in February (**February 27**), aligned with the book fair and ending with a Readathon Night.

3. Enrichment Committee:

- **Girls Who Code** winter and spring sessions will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays; registration opens next week, with priority for waitlisted families and volunteers.
- Other enrichment programs (chess, robotics, creative writing) will open for registration in late January/early February and begin in February.
- Next Enrichment Committee meeting: **January 26**.

V. Approval of Nov 2025 Minutes - (6:45)

VI. Final notes (6:45-6:51)

- **SLT update:** No major items; minor updates include uniform language clarification and lockers (on track for 5th grade).
- **Uniform policy:** No changes to requirements (ties still required); wording is being clarified for appropriateness.
- **MLK Day of Service:** Collection drive in the TAG lobby for canned goods, clothing, and hygiene items

through MLK Day.

- Gala scheduling was clarified as limited to midweek due to Salesforce policy changes.

VII. Adjournment - (6:51)