



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order/President's Welcome | 6:04 |
| II. Approval of November Minutes | 6:11 |
| III. SLT Update | 6:15 |

This month's SLT meeting included a discussion on the CEP and whether TAG was on schedule to meet targets. The dress code was also discussed (to be discussed later in the meeting). Lastly, Principal Dascal said that the students will no longer be using Acheive 3000 which means the money put aside for it in the PTA budget can be reallocated.

IV. YMCA Update	6:20
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There have been some issues regarding clean up during after school programs. The YMCA uses the TAG classrooms and some teachers have commented that the rooms are not kept in good order by the Y kids. Ms. Jessica (middle school Y) and Ms. Lorraine (elementary school Y) were both at the meeting. They said they are taking pictures to make sure things are in the same place once the Y kids leave for the day. They mentioned that the Y is at full capacity but more consistent participation will help with funding for next year. The vendor used by the U

for SHSAT prep is Bell Curve. It is offered for free to 7th grade students signed up for the Y. They just completed the third round of classes for this year and a new round is starting up on January 9th. The PTA is looking to support a larger program beyond just the Y.

V. Administration Update

6:27

Mr. Dascal started by saying thank you to Ms. B, Rasheedah and Shanae for helping with D4 programs. He also relayed a thank you from the D\$ superintendent.

Second Math Olympiad quiz was held today. The next one will be January 26, 2023 (probably). On January 10-11, 3rd-7th grades will take the Math Rally and 8th graders will take an algebra assessment. Week of January 16th is MLK day and the ELA Rally. Picture day retake will take place on January 18, 2023.

Looking for two new TAs and one new school aide.

K-5 report cards going home tomorrow. There has been a glitch in the middle school system so hopefully those will go out by the end of the week.

Latin Jazz is back after two years. Afterschool Wednesday and Thursday for middle school students. Not an instructional program. It is performance based. If you are interested you should talk to Mr. Faulkner.

Ms. Shaw will be starting after school chorus this week for grades 4-6.

If your children are not feeling well please keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the help of fever reducer medication. You are potentially exposing other

students. It is hard for families but it is necessary. If your child is out they can do all of their work online. Teachers will make everything available and help them catch up when they get back.

We are trying to get a new survey out to middle school parents to see what the interest is for an in-house basketball instructional program - half instructional and half 3-on-3 coed gameplay. In order to make sure that we have the proper staff, we need to see how many students are interested.

Last year DOE mandated DESSA for SEL assessment. TAG found it to be labor intensive to administer but not enough data came out of it that was useful. Panorama vs. Pass - two companies TAG has narrowed it down to for this year's SEL. Both give data plus resources to teachers and families. Reporting back to Dr. Delacruz tomorrow on which option TAG will use. During today's staff meeting, staff voted on it. Rasheedah was also there at the presentations made by the two vendors.

School is closed from December 25 - January 2. School reopens on January 3, 2023.

VI. Treasury Report **6:54**

VII. Committee Updates **7:00**

- A. Budget - art supplies, instrument supplies, recess shed all purchased this month.
- B. Fundraising - Make sure to max out your corporate match by the end of the year. Need volunteers for the auction gala. Dress down day if you can source two auction items. Thank you to everyone who has been helping. Take a look at the sign up genius.

C. Enrichment - Debate team won at the tournament. Ms. B has the trophy and is going to organize a photo with it. The 4th grade Chess team placed 4th nationally and 5th grade chess team placed 9th nationally in their recent tournament. Getting additional instructors for the guitar and musical theater classes. No new students, just more instructors to make the program better with more support. Having some space issues because we had been using Ms. Shaw's room but she is now launching her after school choir program. So we will have to find space for it. Math Kangaroo deadline is December 31, 2022.

D. Family Engagement - Hosting an event January 27, 2023. In person on a Friday night for dinner. Order some food. Arts and crafts for the kids. Working on extending the permit. If you are interested in helping to plan please reach out to family engagement.

E. Grants - No updates

F. Communications - Cost of mailchimp went up.

VIII. New Business

7:30

A. Dress Code Review - Should it be relaxed formally or should it be removed all together? It is no longer enforced but officially it is a very formal uniform. Hard to get the pattern sometimes. Some parents very much like the idea of a uniform. Need to continue this conversation. Look out for a survey from the PTA. Mr. Johnson sent out an email relaxing the uniform requirements. Unisex uniform now. Need messaging to be better to new parents.

B. Debate Classes & Tournaments

IX. Adjournment

7:51