



# Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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## MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

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Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

### AGENDA

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| <b>I. Call to Order/President's Welcome</b> | <b>6:04pm</b> |
| <b>II. Administration Update</b>            | <b>6:05pm</b> |

Mr. Dascal spoke on behalf of the TAG Administration Team and discussed the following:

- Report cards for 1<sup>st</sup> marking period to be sent home on Thurs Dec 21<sup>st</sup>
- CSESS (College Students for Enrichment in Secondary Schools) let by Harvard Students will take place in January for 7<sup>th</sup> graders (permission slips to be sent home this week)
- Student Council to kick off in New Year, with both schoolwide and class elections to take place
- Rolling out Basketball skills program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in January to take place in gym on Fridays
- Announced will not be sending out holiday packets for students to work on over break, with focus on time with family and opportunity to recharge
- Question asked by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parent about access to online IXL program which kicked off detailed discussion on various resources and online platforms available to students (Admin committed to compiling information on resources available by grade with login info): Smarty Ants (K-2), RAS (1/2), EPIC, etc. and IReady, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade progress monitoring program also provides access to instructional programming (can work on independently or as assigned by teachers)
- Mr. Dascal and Dr. Cosme have been working on 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity planning and will send information around soon

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| <b>III. Approval of November Minutes</b>  | <b>6:35pm</b> |
| <b>IV. Treasury Report (See Appendix)</b> | <b>6:37pm</b> |

Treasurer presented monthly Report:

- Raised ~\$71.7k so far for current school year through iPledge
- Still awaiting Book Fair and Picture Day profits
- Expenses to date of ~\$170k (TAs \$70k, Music Teacher \$35k, Language \$20k, Young Historians \$16k, Creative Writing \$3k, Smarty Ants \$3k, Gala Deposit \$1k, etc.)

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- \$385.5k current Chase Account balance

## V. Committee Updates

6:41pm

### A. Budget

- VP of Budget position still open with shoutout for any parents who may be interested / any questions

### B. Fundraising

- Urgent Need for Gala Volunteers: sent out email with sign up sheet for necessary committees and without sufficient volunteer help and parent leadership will not be able to have Gala this year and will turn attention to online auction only
- EOY Match Event: \$6k match event launched with 10pm Thursday deadline and will send out an update
- Farm-to-People 2 month fundraiser to launch in January, with sales of products (CSA type boxes) to generate a percentage of revenue back to TAG
- Got Sneakers drive ongoing with donations by Friday to give your child a dressdown day in January
- Box Tops fundraising ongoing and please credit your class to help win pizza party and dressdown awards
- Picture Day and Book Fair both recent successes and Picture Day retake scheduled for Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

### C. Enrichment

- Announced recent TAG wins, for Chess the 6<sup>th</sup> grade won 5<sup>th</sup> place at National Grade Chess Championships and Debate Team took home a recent win

### D. Family Engagement

- Huge thanks to volunteers and participants for fabulous success of TAG Potluck Event
- Working on planning an ice skating event for next community gathering and please reach out with any ideas or offers to help

### E. Y Afterschool Update

- Programming wrapping up early this week with Holiday party on Thursday and early dismissal on Friday
- Success in collecting donations for MLK day of service (coats / sweaters)
- Capital One sponsored a Coding Program and gave out free laptops
- Will circulate Amazon Wish List for consideration

### F. Grants

- Next meeting Jan 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm
- Need help with 7-8 applications that have deadlines coming up

### G. Communications

- Reminder to submit entries for Newsletter

## VI. New Business

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- Rasheedah ended with shout out for Gala volunteers to support ongoing tradition and to encourage year end gifting to iPledge and to class Teacher gift funds

## VII. Adjournment

7:00pm

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APPENDIX: Treasury Report

REVENUE:

<b>Source of Revenue</b>	<b>Amount</b>
iPledge	\$71,776.77
Picture Day	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,776.77</b>

EXPENSES:

<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>Amount Spent To-Date</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>
\$420,200	\$169,689	\$250,511

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$385,513.63