



# Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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## MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

### AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order/President's Welcome** 6:05
- II. **Approval of [January Minutes](#)** 6:10
- III. **Administration Update** 6:15

Principal Dascal welcomed everyone back from mid winter break and explained that it can get intense from here through the end of the year. In terms of upcoming events:

This Thursday the 8th grade is going skating at central park.

Basketball starting on Friday. Gave out permission slips before break. Haven't gotten many back yet. Volleyball will start next Friday. The sports will be alternating weeks.

Ms. Hensen - New TA starting Monday with second grade

3rd and 4th grade afterschool academic intervention services starting soon

US History regents prep program on Wednesdays and Fridays starting in two weeks

Two weeks away from spring parent teacher conferences on March 9th. Virtual per DOE. Sign up calendar will close on March 6th at 9:00PM.

Ms. Ho not returning to TAG this year. Will be in touch regarding next year ASAP. Will create a posting for a tech teacher if Ms. Ho can't come back next year.

Dascal plans to talk to teachers about helping with math and literacy night and will have more information by next SLT meeting.

Discussion of Changes in Recess Procedures - Some parents upset about the designation of areas and use of equipment. Not enough space to play soccer anymore and the equipment doesn't get out quick enough. It has not been Dascal's experience that it takes a long time to clear out the shed.

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The children are more confined because they needed to be because soccer cannot take up the entire space. There are a lot of kids that do not want to play soccer. The incidents of kids going to the nurse from recess has gone down since the new rules went into place.

Can we have more opportunities to get the parents into the classroom? Dascal will look into this.

2023-2024 Budget - How can the PTA's budget better support TAG staff and admin? Recess support

% of 6th graders that got into Hunter - Admin doesn't have that information

Poor Richard's playground update - moving barrier which will impact recess and pick up. need alternate route to the playground for two to three weeks.

prom and senior trip - Ms. Erica will be sending out more information

Field Day was too big in the past so we are trying to break it up into smaller groups. Conflict between proposed dates and senior prom. Admin will figure it out and get back to us.

K-2        May 30<sup>th</sup> – Rain Date, May 31  
3-5        June 1- Rain Date June 2  
6-8        June 6- Rain Date June 7

No update on student council bake sale. Get more information on the skating trip.

**IV. SLT Update** 7:00

See minutes on PTA website

**V. Treasury Report** 7:08

**VI. Committee Updates** 7:10

Fundraising - Gala with live auction in May. Bid on principal for a day. Also having an online auction that will open a few weeks ahead of the gala.

Grants - Manhattan President Res08 grant submitted with Esperanza.

Family Engagement - Coffee meet & greet second friday this month.

Enrichment - Debate survey went out. Looking to improve the elementary school program. Musical theater survey went out too. Scholastic chess championships at Saratoga this year. Hoping to launch afterschool robotics in late march

**V. New Business** 7:20

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A. Proposed Financial Changes - Look for proposed bylaw amendments regarding removal of the audit and budget committees. Absorbing budget into treasury and farming out the audit to a CPA.

B. Uniform survey results

Does your child like wearing the TAG uniform to school?

Yes 60%

No 40%

How often does your child violate the current uniform policy?

Everyday 5%

Sometimes 5%

Rarely 35%

Never 55%

Would you support changing the current uniform policy?

Yes 60%

No 40%

If you would support changing the current uniform policy, what specific changes would you support?

Making the tie optional for elementary school students 40%

Removing the requirement to have shirts tucked in 25%

Exploring new patterns 43%

Removal of sock color requirement 35%

Removal of shoe requirement 45%

Allowance for sweatshirts 32%

Removal of pants requirement 20%

I do not support changing the current uniform policy 28%

Would you support removal of a uniform policy from TAG altogether?

Yes 42%

No 58%

Have you ever experienced difficulty in purchasing clothing to meet the uniform policy requirements?

Yes 45%

No 55%

Results were presented to the group and suggestions for next steps were to hold a forum and maybe create a committee. Don't get rid of the uniform but alter it to make it more simple and practical.

**VI. Adjournment**

**7:45**