



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/President's Welcome

6:05pm

Welcome to school wide student council members President Cameron Villanueva, President Boaz Garelik, Treasurer James Pierre, Secretary Afiya Harris

II. Administration Update

6:07pm

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

- Recap and thank you for remote learning patience and participation from students and teachers
- Acknowledgement of some of the technical DOE wide challenges
- Clarification regarding attendance documentation and how it was tracked. Even if people got incorrect absent emails it would be corrected
- Recap of how to request a new device for those who don't have one or need replacement. Contact Ms. B first. Recap of how devices were distributed at the beginning of year with survey across school and more requests can be accepted now for those who need devices. Also let Ms. B know if you have DOE device that is not working correctly
- Other updates: Girls who Code starting after winter break; Regents prep (8th grade) starts after winter break; March 7th half day, 11:25 dismissal for parent/teacher conferences. More information to be distributed 2/14 regarding the sign up process. Sign up process will mirror same process as earlier in the school year.
- Question raised how to notify school if expired food (milk etc) is accidentally served to kids. Contact Ms. B and Mr. Dascal asap to notify school as soon as they hear about an incident or experience something like that so school can address asap.

Mr. Akiva Latin Teacher presentation (1st-5th Grade)

6:32pm

- Slides shared by Mr. Akiva explaining why Latin and value of class/lessons. Slides will be shared

Mr. Terrance Taylor Boys Club update & presentation

6:50pm

- Update on Boys club and access available to TAG right now there low participation. Slide presentation shared summarizing program details. Also get priority for summer programs with participation and camp. Mr. Taylor to share slides. We need 4 more boys to sign up to continue program

III. Approval of January Minutes

APPROVED

7:10pm

IV. Treasury Report (See Appendix)

7:13pm

Treasurer presented monthly Report:

- Raised ~\$139k so far for current school year
- ~\$3.2k for Book Fair
- Expenses to date of ~\$177.6k
- \$442k current Chase Account balance

V. Committee Updates

7:15pm

A. Budget /not covered no lead for Budget at present

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B. Fundraising

■ GALA: LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEER UPDATE & CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS

- Gala Call to Action 6 week Push continues: earn dressdown day (March 13th) and chance at pizza party with 75% participation if source auction items, desserts or student video on why TAG so special
- Gala is a big event and need people to help date is May 18th
- Picture day ordering, Fundraising working on problem solving issues. Email them with any problems

■ Reminder on Corporate Matching & Box Tops

C. Enrichment

■ Update on Chess registration new forms sent out in addition to Robotics and coding classes will begin after break. Overwhelming response to robotics and coding and there was a max amount so they created waiting list

■ Creative writing new class also went out

■ Questions raised about status of Ms. Cheng's science class

D. Family Engagement

■ Ice skating event was Feb 3rd was big hit. Looking into other opportunities

■ Come to our engagement meetings with your ideas

E. Grants

- 2 new HVAC systems; new PA system, need admin update on how many speakers are broken. Explore auction ideas superintendent for the day or borough president to further promote getting support from local politicians
- Community leaders grant in progress. Need more volunteers! including from teachers

F. Communications

■ Call to Action for Parent Volunteer to drive PTA Website Updating

- Looking for a TAG parent that has web design skill set to help in upgrading PTA Website
- Also looking for ways for PTA to support TAG's upgrading of the school website, with Mr. Larry (ex student / ex employee) potentially able to help and Ms. B being trained to help support updating

VI. New Business

7:43pm

■ Library closed permanently around corner. Rasheedah following up

■ Tomorrow CEC meeting and Coffee Chat with Superintendent

■ Can we have Technology teacher come present similar to Mr Akiva. PTA to explore

■ Encouragement to all to speak up with any curriculum questions or concerns with Admin and more. Can explore town hall needs and options if and where needed

VII. Adjournment

7:50pm

APPENDIX: Treasury Report

REVENUE:

Source of Revenue	Amount
iPledge	\$107,091.05
Book Fair	\$3,226.24
Grants	\$27,160.63
Got Sneakers	\$40.00
Picture Day	\$1,912.73
TOTAL	\$ 139,430.65

EXPENSES:

Amount Budgeted	Amount Spent To-Date	Amount Remaining
\$430,200	\$177,648.01	\$252,552

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$442,023.61