



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order/President's Welcome | 6:11 |
| II. Approval of December Minutes | 6:13 |
| III. Administration Update | 6:14 |

Principal Dascal, Ms. Hamil, Mr. Bitcho, Ms. Bova, Ms. B and Dr. Cosme were all in attendance. This Thursday, the kindergarten will be doing its restaurant activity. Friday, middle school is going to have a movie event. They will be watching Abominable and eating snacks.

Students had Rally Math and ELA but not all of it has been graded yet. It will still be a few more weeks before grades are available.

Parents were sent home a letter that TAG will no longer be using DESSA. Instead TAG is going to use TASS as an SEL screener.

January 31, 2023 - Tito Puentes Building Meeting. TAG will be presenting.

Latin is being given to the 1st - 5th grades.

Admin has been discussing field day and will email dates to e-board soon.

Trying to put together a Math & Literacy Night. There are a lot of logistics to work out. Date, representation from enough different teachers who will be running different activities. Maybe work with the Y?

Will have an update from Ms. Ho before the next SLT meeting. Open to bringing something else in - vendors or substitute teachers to fill in for the supplemental science class. If Ms. Ho says she will not be returning then we will put out a vacancy for a new tech teacher.

Fixing the lower yard has been in the works for two years. It was approved to be repaved but then the temporary boiler went in. Spoke with Mr. Casey - work to be done in the spring.

Jupiter gets turned off toward the end of a marking period and then back on at the beginning of the next marking period. It is now back up for the 2nd marking period. If still having issues, reach out to Ms. B. Recording of last year's presentation on Jupiter is available on parents corner.

A parent asked how the school plans to address executive function loss from COVID - 5th and 6th working on organization and SEL not only during advisory. The jump from 4th to 5th is a big adjustment. 7th and 8th grade is about developing independence and preparing for high school. In 4th grade we focus on time management and task initiation. TAG has always focused on these things for the early grades and they have added more of a focus in the older grades to compensate for COVID loss. It is baked into the work and not necessarily the focus of a particular task.

Family engagement potluck permit came through. Going to work with PTA on getting the school therapist to present at a monthly meet and greet.

Black history month. Looking to do something more cohesive school wide but the classes always do something individually.

Student Council budget proposal - having a movie night this Friday. It will start right after school at 2:30. To begin at 3:00 and run until 5:00. Need money for snacks and plates. \$325. Expecting about 120 students - 6th - 8th grade. Need to collect permission slips by Friday morning. Kids will be supervised by admin between dismissal and the start of the movie in the gym.

IV. SLT Update **7:20**

Discussed the start of 5th graders moving around the school and the need for more lockers. The Student Council presented their proposal for movie night. We discussed the supplemental science class for the lower grades. The PTA is planning to post the SLT minutes on PTA website.

V. Treasury Report (Interim Financial Report) **7:25**

VI. Committee Updates **7:30**

May 13th Fundraising Auction

Enrichment - New session starting soon for afterschool enrichment. MOEMS results are in and need to be emailed to the parents individually.

Family engagement potluck February 10th in conjunction with the Y

Grants Committee Meeting coming up. Grants committee has a whatsapp chat. Still haven't actually received the \$75,000 STEAM technology grant monie. We can further discuss how we want those funds to be used - doesn't have to be for laptop carts.

VII. New Business

7:40

Announcement of the resignation of the Budget & Audit VPs. Will likely not bother to hold an election to fill the positions.

We voted on the Student Council budget proposal for movie night and passed a line item in the amount of \$400.

PTA was able to verify the dress code and update its website accordingly - survey coming out in coming weeks

Reflection time is coming back as a means of addressing misbehavior in school.

Amazon smile is going away.

VIII. Adjournment

8:00