



# 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, January 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

### AGENDA

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| <b>I. Call to Order/President's Welcome</b> | <b>6:03pm</b> |
| <b>II. Administration Update</b>            | <b>6:05pm</b> |

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

- Thanked parents and scholars for those that participated in the MLK Day of Service with Esperanza and the Y, with a great show of how our youth can make a difference in their community
- Today began CSESS (College Students for Enrichment in Secondary Schools) let by Harvard Students, with a reminder to parents on how valuable this program is with hope can boost participation by this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders to ensure program stays in place for the future
- Tomorrow (Jan 17<sup>th</sup>) is picture re-take day
- Given inclement weather and ice on playground, recess held indoors today (traditional dance party time) and likely tomorrow until Parks Department can clean the area but will resume outdoors whenever possible
- RALLY! assessments and Regents practice exams pushed to Thursday in light of weather
- Passing out permission slips for Ms Cheng's afterschool Science Support (Tues) and Science Enrichment (Thurs) offerings that will run for 20 weeks or broken into 2 10-week sessions depending on interest
- Permission slips out this week for Basketball skills program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to take place in gym on Fridays
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade state tests moving to computer based, with plans to run a practice test session (not for grading but to ensure tech element runs smoothly)
- Give Kids a Smile Event to take place in February, with info sent home to students
- Student Council schoolwide (8<sup>th</sup> graders chosen by Middle School students) and class elections to take place in coming week(s)
- Senior Events Calendar sent out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families, with Ms. Erica Arias-Vidal coordinating the activities and with collections taking place from families to contribute their portion of funding
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade working with resident poetry teacher from City College on a poetry unit throughout January
- Ms. Shaw Middle School afterschool chorus program to begin in coming weeks
- Middle School potluck a huge success, with thanks to all that helped make it such a fun event

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- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Winter Concert, with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands performing

**III. Approval of December Minutes 6:29pm**

**IV. Treasury Report (See Appendix) 6:31pm**

Treasurer presented monthly Report:

- Raised ~\$122k so far for current school year
- \$3200 for Book Fair and still awaiting and Picture Day profits
- Recent expenses include lock box, chess team tournament, teacher holiday gifts, field day permits, instrument repair, Creative Writing, misc. supplies
- Expenses to date of ~\$176k
- \$429.2k current Chase Account balance

**V. Committee Updates 6:34pm**

A. Budget

- Budget Vote on Creative Writing Spring Session (\$3000) - **APPROVED**
- Inquiry on possibility of a remote option with acknowledgement that while it may be difficult for creative writing, should seek out remote enrichment alternatives when feasible

B. Fundraising

- Picture re-take Day tomorrow
  - GALA: LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEER UPDATE & CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS
- Gala Call to Action 6 week Push: 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
  - Reminder on Corporate Matching & Box Tops

C. Enrichment

- Update on Afterschool Science & Math Opportunities
- 2nd Grade Poetry experience a great example of a parent knowing someone with an expertise and working out a plan with Admin & PTA
- Young Historians is a great example of 4th grade bringing in a PTA funded program to build on current curriculum
- Hope is that other Teachers/Grades look to run additional programs
- Announced recent TAG Chess and Debate Team tournaments/wins

D. Family Engagement

- Ice Skating
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wolman Rink and can get free tickets through library card/culture pass
- Discussing with Admin more opportunities to get families into the school
- Come to our engagement meetings with your ideas

E. Grants

- Working on grants due at end of month
- Partnering with Esperanza on grants to update auditorium (audio, seating, etc. TBD)
- Working to get more chrome books for TAG to support shift to computer based state testing
- Need parent help!

F. Communications

- Call to Action for Parent Volunteer to drive PTA Website Updating
- Looking for a TAG parent that has web design skillset 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**

**7:08pm**

- Field Day Updates
- Save the date for May 21 (K/1<sup>st</sup>), May 22 (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>), May 23 (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) and May 24 (MS)
- Will be simple games, parent volunteer focused (no E3 this year)
  - Other
- Discussed Robotics/Coding and Girls that Code – working through logistics to start these afterschool programs
- Additional discussion around potential for more remote afterschool enrichment options for parents unable to make the logistics work for school based classes
- Latin teacher encouraging parent involvement and any questions regarding Latin program
- Chancellor coming to TAG in Feb for in-person D4 town hall

**VII. Adjournment**

**7:31pm**

APPENDIX: Treasury Report

REVENUE:

Source of Revenue	Amount
iPledge	\$95,603.00
Book Fair	\$3,226.24
Grants	\$23,000.00
Got Sneakers	\$40.00
Picture Day	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 121,869.24</b>

EXPENSES:

Amount Budgeted	Amount Spent To-Date	Amount Remaining
\$428,700	\$176,079.29	\$252,621

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$429,250.92