



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday March 16, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual, via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 898 8685 9172; Passcode: 630422

Pre-registration link:

<https://nycdoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lf-gqzlrHdaaj-740lo3VLANzgRAu9C8>

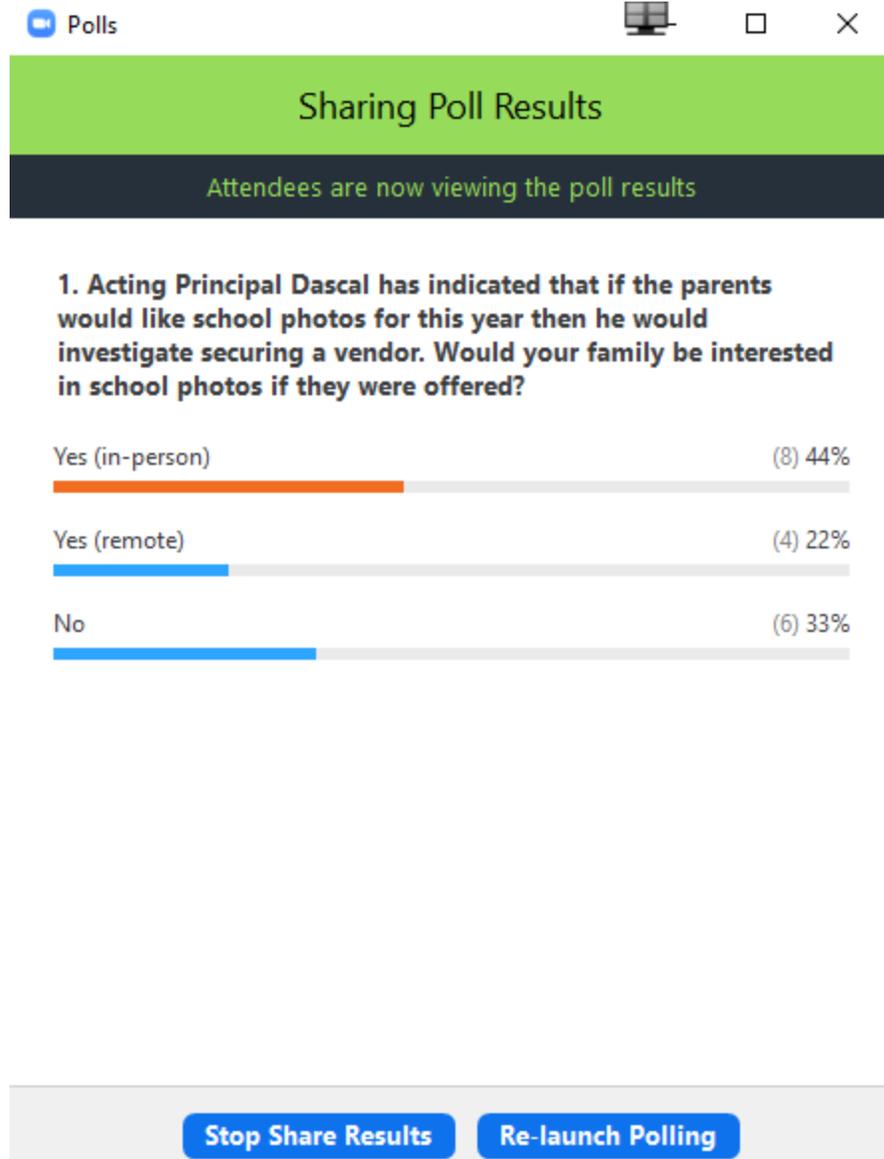
Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Present?</i>
Mark Levin	Co-president	Y
Sandra Alexander	Co-president	N
Rasheedah Harris	Vice President	Y
John Lee	Secretary	Y
Anatoly Garelik	Co-treasurer	
Johnae Ferguson	Co-treasurer	
Daylym Lopez	Co-VP of Family Engagement	Y
Mylee Zschech	Co-VP of Family Engagement	Y
Elizabeth Butler	VP of Budget	Y
VACANT	VP of Fundraising	--
Felix Garcia	VP of Grants	Y
Steven Leshnower	VP of Audit	
Luigi Kapaj	Co-VP of Communications	Y
Marco Tomaschett	Co-VP of Communications	Y
VACANT	VP of Enrichment	--
Mr. Jonathan Dascal	Acting Principal	Y
Ms. Jennifer Cosme	Assistant Principal	Y

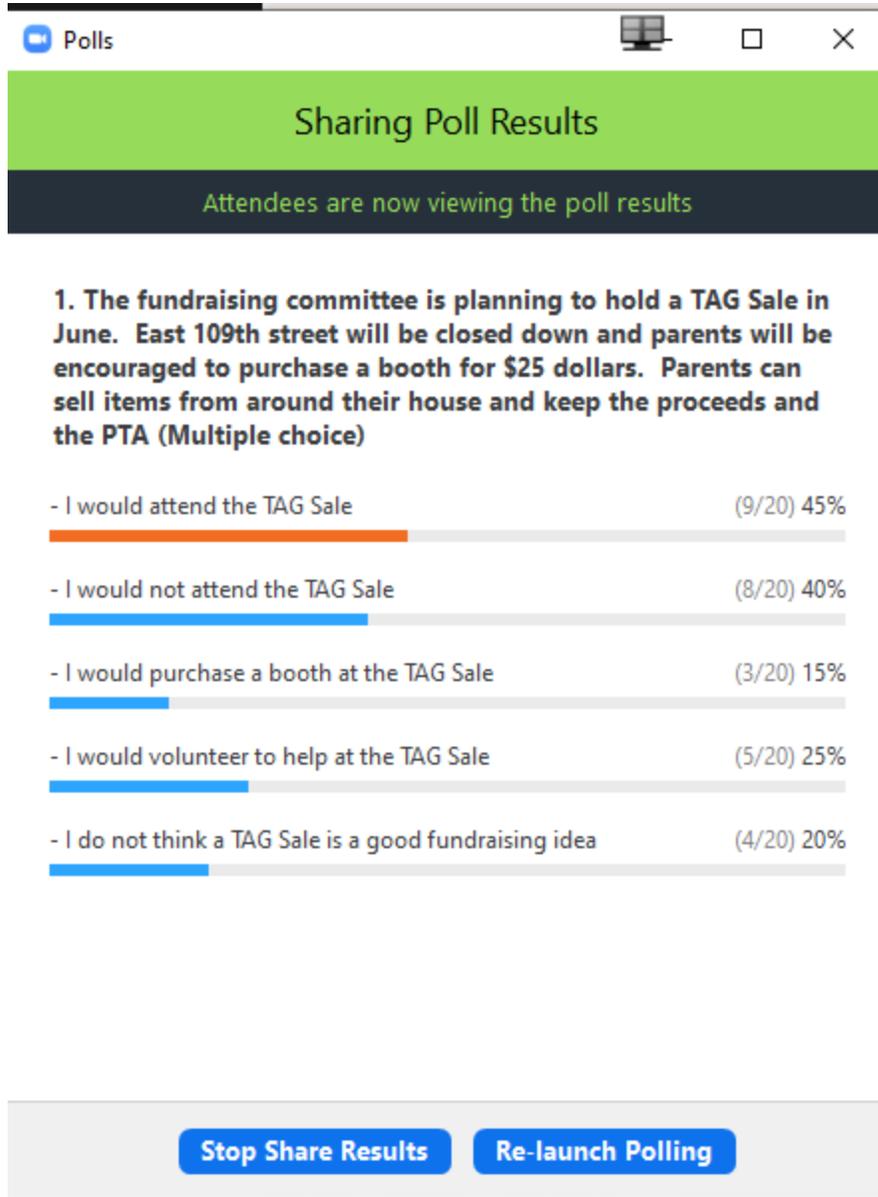
Quorum (minimum 2 executive board members and 6 parent members): Yes

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, President’s Welcome.....6:00 PM
- II. President’s Report6:02 PM
 - A. Moved up voting on some fundraising ideas
 - School Picture Day



- a)
- TAG Yard Sale



a)

- III. **Approval of Minutes**6:04 PM
 - A. motion by mark, seconded by marco
- IV. **Principal’s Report**.....6:05 PM
 - A. No further update on building. Closed until Sunday; expected to return Monday 3/22.
 - B. Welcome to some teachers attending: Ms. Hamill, Ms.Mangual, Ms. Wittels; Mr. Johnson and Ms. Cosme from admin.
 - C. Next week 3/23 5:45PM - remote workshops by cheng/cataldi for google classroom and Mr. D for jupitered.
 - D. 3/23-3/25: 2nd marking period results will be distributed
 - E. NYCDOE - testing. Mr. D cautions that this is very preliminary info, have not discussed at district level.
 - ELA/Math state and regents exams for 3-8. Test will be shortened from 2 days to 1. Multiple choice only. Testing window is longer to accommodate social distancing. April 19-29 for ELA; 5/3-5/14 for math exams.

- Fully remote students are not expected to take the exams, but arrangements can be made for exams. No remote exam available.
 - Mr. D notes that 3-7 usually take state ELA exams; 8th grade usually only takes Regents. Mr. D is checking to see if they will have to do both or just one as usual.
 - Blended students are expected to take the test; there is always the option to refuse to take state tests.
 - Mr. Dascal doesn't foresee a negative consequence for not having a state exam score (given that upwards of 70% of students are remote). School may use it to benchmark programs and curriculum; states use for accountability, but it would seem that this data would be difficult to use. Can't say for sure but can't imagine that there would be any negative consequences.
 - no info on 4th grade state science test. info on this should be arriving shortly.
 - Regents: state is requiring that 4 exams will be administered. TAG offers 3 of the 4: ELA morning 6/17, algebra morning 6/23, living environments 6/22.
- F. Ms. Cesar Mar 5th: presenting Ms. Blount an honor and finally able to do it. While Ms. Cesar was in the building, TAG had a ceremony for her as well. Will share video tribute until video release forms are collected. Ms. C also sent a thank you note that will be shared.
- G. 4/7 10AM - school safety committee will present health and safety guidelines for the building. This will include staff from Mt. Sinai as well as custodial services.
- V. Treasurer's Report6:45 PM**
- A. unavailable at the meeting today.
- VI. School Leadership Team Report.....6:50 PM**
- A. Update on SEL for next school year - supporting students when back in the building
- B. Field trips for various grades
- C. Testing
- D. CEP
- E. Student reps on SLT -
- F. Ms. Cosme: Jumanne Williams Public Advocate: great visit, very inspiring. Video was recorded, looking to collect release forms.
- VII. Committee Updates6:55 PM**
- A. Nominating Committee
- Two volunteers, but now they are considering running for board positions.
 - any job description updates should happen now
 - will share documents from 2019 to executive board to share with future nominating committees.
 - Ms. Harris: any other parents out there that can help? reach out!
TAGnominations20212022@gmail.com
- B. Budget (including COVID Discretionary Funds)
- working on budget for next year
 - no COVID funds disbursed since last month. have spent about 25%.
- C. Fundraising
- VP Alexander has been handling. unable to join.
 - Levin: starting TAG wear with drop-ship vendor. don't have gym wear currently - will investigate for next year in-person.
 - yard sale: thank you for feedback.
 - winners of coloring contest for book fair will be announced soon

- school picture day: might need some volunteers
 - will have another ipledge fund drive with incentives.
- D. Enrichment
- E. Family Engagement
- two events coming up: MS virtual vision board
 - K-5 jeopardy night.
- F. Grants
- no updates at this time
 - smaller grants upcoming, working with teachers. if you're interested please contact grants@tagscholarspta.org
- G. Communications
- still updating bylaws. waiting for finance-related updates. should be ready to present next month.
 - updates required by regs, also update for remote environment
 - Kapaj: enrollment period has started for g&t programs. it should work via teacher recommendations.
- H. Audit
- no updates

VIII. New Business7:10PM

- A. YMCA after school update
- Ms. Scott: program is up and running. Added karate and Spanish. Working on getting a New Victory Theater program. Trying to get a mandarin Chinese class.
 - MS: has a “teen takes the city” program where they go to Albany and get laws passed. They were successful 2 years ago - it’s a great program.
 - looking at doing a family karate night.
 - Ms. Harris: on-line registration is challenging. Ms. Scott is open to taking printed applications but does require signatures and printing.
- B. Principal selection update
- Initial vetting process with candidates
 - Level 1 interview with wider audience: SLT. Ms. Fiore, renauld, harris, alexander, levin, crump, lee. questions are agreed upon before interview and asked of each candidate.
 - Level 2 with Dr. De La Cruz
 - Dr. De La Cruz will confer with SLT
 - Shared some responses from the February survey
- C. SLT: doing training with ms. goldie mohammed.
- leading scholar on how to develop a culturally responsive curriculum, how to teach social justice, how to do it with joy?
 - how to incorporate identities, how to have different cultures represented in curriculum.
 - Ms. Hamill. Changing the focus from negative to positive from different cultures (e.g., Native Americans instead of just subjugation).
 - Ms. Wittels: for younger grades - bringing up the joy, and talk about accomplishments along with the negative things that have happened. Bringing a more critical perspective of the world
- D. Chancellor Carranza resigned; Chancellor Porter effective Monday 3/15. Hope to work with her to do what’s good for our kids. First black woman to hold this position.

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- E. Enrichment Committee - need to get going for next year. still vacant. E-mail enrichment@tagscholarspta.org.
 - F. Debate: primarily MS program funded by PTA. looking at ways to get this down to lower grades. join enrichment!
 - G. DOE info session on G&T coming up.
 - H. CEC elections - parents should have received that info. For all D4 parents who have applied, there will be a candidate forum 4/16. All parents can vote so please join this forum.
 - I. Question and Answer Period
 - Q Ms. Harris School-wide moment of reflection for COVID anniversary?
 - a) Ms. Lake is collaborating with Ms. Tang to use an on-line tool that has questions about how the pandemic has impacted you for the better and into the future.
 - b) lower grade teachers k-4 are looking at how to adjust it

IX. Adjournment7:30 PM

- A. President Levin motions for close at 7:33; Mr. Tomaschett seconds.

Minutes recorded by John Lee, TAG PTA Secretary.
 Minutes approved by General Membership on April 13, 2021.