



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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President

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Treasurer

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday March 15, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Virtual, via Zoom

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Present?</i>
Rasheedah Harris	President	X
VACANT	Vice President	NA
Liz Butler	Recording Secretary	X
Yue Zhang	Treasurer	X
Emily Gao	VP of Family Engagement	X
Kiersten Franz	Co-VP of Grants	X
Felix Garcia	Co-VP of Grants	X
Steven Leshnowar	Co-VP of Audit	No
Anatoly Garelik	Co-VP of Audit	X
Yujie Sun	Co-VP of Budget	X
Mei Chen	Co-VP of Budget	X
Marco Tomaschett	VP of Communications	X
Christy Silvester	VP of Fundraising	X
Amit Joshi	Co-VP of Enrichment	No
Fangyu Chen	Co-VP of Enrichment	X
Mr. Jonathan Dascal	Principal	X
Ms. Jennifer Cosme	Assistant Principal	X
Daniel Johnson	Parent Coordinator	X
Lorraine Santana	YMCA Afterschool	No

AGENDA

- I. President's Call to Order** **6:10 PM**
- II. Approval of [February Meeting Minutes](#)** **6:13 PM**
- III. Principal's Report/Q&A** **6:20 PM**

- A. New COVID Rules - Masks, Social Distancing, Health Screening Forms

No more social distancing or mask requirements. Health screening is still required. Working on later lunch for some of the grades.

- B. New Arrival/Dismissal Procedure (Poor Richard's Playground Construction)

Going well (Mr. Johnson)

- C. State Exams

Coming up in a few weeks. Parents can opt their children out of the testing. There is no impact from taking it or from not taking it. The only thing is that it may be looked at for middle school or high school admissions. Did Hunter open up to non-Manhattan residents?

- D. TAs

Ms. Lang is coming back and admin and PTA are working on hiring new TAs

- E. Graduation

Trips are being planned for 8th grade with the 8th grade parents. Admin is planning a 5th grade moving up ceremony.

- F. Recess

There have been some issues with sports at recess - it is a work in progress. Mr. Dascal and Ms. Cosme try to be outside at recess to assist.

- G. Gym Wall

The wall used to divide the gym for use by TAG and Esperanza broke for a few weeks. The younger kids were taken elsewhere for gym. The wall is working again.

- H. Afterschool

Admin is working with the student council on more afterschool activities.

- IV. Treasurer's Report** **7:00 PM**

V. School Leadership Team Report

7:05 PM

- A. Proposal to create TAG sports teams.
- B. New Victory starting up again
- C. Creative writing enrichment possibility - Admin considering it for in-curriculum.

VI. Committee Updates

7:10 PM

- A. Budget

Committee meetings are scheduled for the last Friday of March, April and May. Emails will go out with info. Need to work on Fiscal Year 2022-23 draft budget.

- B. Fundraising

16 days left to donate money or time for IPledge. Will need volunteers if we do a book fair. Spring bling grams launching soon. Still need a volunteer to manage online auction.

- C. Enrichment

- D. Family Engagement

Graduation Plans (8th grade parents have already been in touch with admin and have been meeting with them twice a month.) Asking Ms. Erica to create a breakdown of costs and what admin can pay for and what they may need to come to the PTA for. Once received, the 8th grade parents will be in touch with family engagement and budget.

- E. Grants - No updates

- F. Communications - No updates

- G. Audit - No updates

VII. Adjournment

7:47 PM