



# Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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## MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

## MINUTES

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| <b>I. Call to Order/President's Welcome</b>            | <b>6:05</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of <a href="#">October Minutes</a></b> | <b>6:08</b> |
| <b>III. New Parent Coordinator Introduction</b>        | <b>6:09</b> |
| <b>IV. Administration Update</b>                       | <b>6:12</b> |

Mr. Dascal, Dr. Cosme, Ms. B, Ms. Campanelli & Coach Wong in attendance.

Please direct all parent questions to Ms. B - new parent coordinator - instead of Ms. Erica.

Filled position for science inquiry, explorations and discussion 6th - 8th grade. Mr. Graham. Used to be an s-status teacher at TAG elementary last year. Licensed middle school teacher. He started last week.

No school this Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Sent home 2 COVID tests with each student today. DOE is encouraging all students to get tested over the break. Tests says they are expired but FDA extended expiration dates and the tests that were sent home are all fine.

Please dress your child warmly because we go out for recess every day unless there is precipitation and/or extreme temperatures.

December 9, 2022 - End of 1st marking period. Last day to submit work for the month of November is December 5, 2022. Reports to be given out the Wednesday (December 21, 2022) before Christmas break.

November 17, 2022 - 8th graders took the SHSAT. Followed by senior breakfast on the 18th.

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D4 is working with migrant families to provide school age children education. TAG can't do much because we are not a bilingual school but we are here to be supportive. Esperanza has taken some students in and they have run out of space. As of today, TAG will be allowing EPA classes to use the library in the afternoon.

YMCA offers SHSAT prep. TAG used to have one but that went away. TAG has no current plans as a school to offer a program because of a lack of resources.

Ms. Ho is not ready to return at the moment. She is sorting some things out and will have some more information.

Looking to get a shed for recess supplies to be stored in the yard. Did a lot of research and found the one that works for us. Need to fit two carts inside, needs to be durable material and needs to have a lock.

Can't go on field trips until all parents fill out the right documentation for children who need epi pens. There is a discrepancy between the parents that have alerted TAG about epi pen needs and the parents who have filled out the proper epi pen DOE forms. New DOE rule also requires staff training and we have already completed that part. Just waiting to get to 100% on the paperwork to be able to go on field trips again. One grade is at 100% and they have already gone on a field trip.

Photo and media release consent forms on MySchools. Please fill them out so that we can post pictures on our website. This needs to be filled out each year.

## **V. Treasury Report**

**6:55**

PTA Savings Account - Those parents interested in having the PTA funds moved to a higher interest yielding account were told to email the board and work with the treasurer.

## **VI. Committee Updates**

**7:05**

### **A. Budget**

- Instrument Budget Request - Budget request for \$662 from Mr. Faulkner who teaches 5-8 band. He is in need of supplies to maintain the students' instruments in good working order. PTA voted and approved the request.
- Senior Breakfast Budget Request - Budget request from Mr. Dascal to cover half of the cost of the senior breakfast that was held the morning after the 8th graders took the SHSAT. The cost was \$800. We discussed paying for half or the for the full amount. We voted and approved to put in a line item at \$1000 and keep it in coming years and account for a rise in cost.

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- Recess Supply Shed Budget Request - In order for the students to have access to recess supplies (e.g. balls, hoola hoops, etc.), Mr. Dascal suggested a shed in the yard because he said he does not have the staff to bring the supplies back and forth to the yard before and after recess. Mr. Dascal picked a shed from Lowes that he said would work and the PTA voted and approved a line item in the amount of \$1100 to cover the cost.

B. Fundraising - TAGWear is coming soon and be on the lookout for another ipledge.

C. Enrichment

- Afterschool Enrichment Offerings Update - Started in-person theater and guitar afterschool. Not a smooth start but hopeful it will improve.
- Field Day - Looking for parents to volunteer to help organize field day this year. Please email the PTA if you are interested.
- MOEMS - Ms. Dascal approved the program but there were still some issues regarding timing and getting everything set up in time for the first test which happens the first week of December. The parent volunteer and the enrichment VPs seemed confident that they would be able to pull it off in time.
- Debate tournament registration - It was discussed that there was a debate tournament coming up that would not allow for all members of the debate class to attend. Folks agreed that a registration based on first come, first served would be fine and if there were students that could not register then they would get priority for the next tournament.

D. Family Engagement - Ms. B at the next coffee meet date on December 2 @ 8:00. Wollman rink last weekend went well. Look out for email about holiday gifts. Nets event coming up next week. 25 families signed up. Pot luck is coming up soon. More to come on that. Anyone interested in helping to organize please email the PTA.

E. Grants - No update

F. Communications - No update

**VII. New Business**

**7:45**

A. PTA Audit Update - Audit VP no longer on the call so no update was provided.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**7:50**