



# 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, November 21, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

### AGENDA

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- **Call to Order/President's Welcome** **6:05pm**
- **Administration Update** **6:06pm**

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

- Kindergarten had a potluck in library this week
- Next week:
  - Tues administration of multiple-choice part 1 Rally ELA
  - Wed 11/29 is Picture Day
  - Thurs 11/30 is Day 1 Math 3-7<sup>th</sup> grades; 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra Assessment
  - Day 2 Rally may be in January – TBD date
  - Book fair Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Feb 9<sup>th</sup> is Winter Concert 7&8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Approaching end of marking period Dec 11<sup>th</sup>; report cards distributed Dec 21<sup>st</sup>
- Mr. Akiva Latin teacher will begin Thurs 12/7 Thurs and Fridays 1-5<sup>th</sup> grade, each will have 1 period per week
- Dress appropriately for colder weather now coming for recess
- **Recess Equipment and Support**
  - Admin is in favor of recess support if we can find organization to support
  - K & 1<sup>st</sup> grades never had balls at recess so no balls were taken away
  - 2-5 and middle school has variety of balls
  - OK on equipment for now
- **Updating of TAG Website/IT Tech Support**
  - Ms. B will be trained to update website but Admin is open to others updating
  - Mr. Dascal is fully trained to update website as well
  - Larry was civil service trained, can be challenge to find candidates with same degree of training
  - Mr Dascal to discuss with Ms. Cosme options
- Upcoming Town Hall 7<sup>th</sup> Grade before report card distribution in December (week of Dec 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Met with teachers – how can we best support families. Teachers recommended Town Hall
- Reminder of TAG Time and Ms B's dedicated time on Mondays
- Reminder of Sea Star and to submit nominations

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- Tech is coming Dec 1<sup>st</sup> for Grant follow up with Ms Finn to look at technology equipment
  - Ms Finn is available to work with interested girls on Girls who Code

- **Treasury Monthly Report** **6:44pm**
  - As of 10/11 \$14,007
  - Expenses ~\$147K spent; \$269K remaining balance
  - Current account balance: \$349,487.33
- VOTE CONDUCTED to add PTA funds to HYS account at 6:46; approved 6:50

- **Committee Updates** **6:56pm**
  - **Budget**
    - Budget Proposal Vote for Harvard Debate Tournament
  - VOTE CONDUCTED at 7:00; approved 7:02
    - Budget Proposal Vote for Science Enrichment Class - Tues/Thurs 20 students per day, 2 different cohorts for 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - VOTE CONDUCTED at 7:10; approved 7:15
    - **Fundraising**
      - Updates on iPledge – matching offer can bring over \$60K
      - Match, GotSneakers & Box Tops
      - Picture Day Nov 29<sup>th</sup> sign up is live to help
      - Tagwear is live online including pickup at potluck
      - BoxTops is live
      - Gala volunteer are needed soon
      - Book Fair Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
    - **Enrichment**
      - Spanish after school flyer
      - Started chess, creative writing starting soon, researching robotics, engineering for kids and will have further update on Debate next month
    - **Family Engagement**
      - Potluck Friday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8pm. Fill out RSVP
      - Coffee meet and greet Fridays
    - **Grants.** 12/1 science and tech to spend \$75k on tech
      - Next meeting Nov
    - **Communications**
      - PTA newsletter filled out great template. Need content from parents and teachers

- **New Business** **7:35pm**
  - Uniform Discussion – bring to SLT to December given they couldn't cover previously
  - Alumni Relations Project Mtg to regroup 11/30 at 6pm
  - Teacher appreciation, year-end keep in mind opportunities
  - YMCA MLK day of service Jan 15<sup>th</sup> box donating toiletries first week of December

- Approved October Meeting minutes 7:49
- **Adjournment** **7:50pm**