



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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OCTOBER 18, 2022 - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/President's Welcome

6:05

Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes

6:06

The board urged folks, for recording keeping purposes, to only share the Zoom registration link and not the meeting link with others.

Middle School Sports

6:15

There was a presentation by four sixth graders and one second grader. They spoke about how they play basketball at recess and want to have a co-ed basketball team. They said that they want to do more than just academics and school and they think that sports will help, not only their bodies, but also their minds. They said it would also be helpful to have been on a middle school team if they want to join high school sports. Many parents commended the students on their presentation and expressed agreement regarding the inclusion of more sports at TAG. Mr. Dascal said he had no thoughts or comments because he was not aware the topic would be discussed and had not prepared for it.

Discussion With TAG Administration

6:30

There is a new chancellor's regulation regarding students who need epi pens and the procedures and training surrounding their use on field trips. Specifically, kids who need an epi pen can only go on a field trip with someone trained to administer an epi pen. And while the parent survey results indicate that 19 TAG kids need them, the DOE only has registration paperwork for 5 of them. Until those other 14 parents register the proper epi pen paperwork with the DOE, TAG cannot conduct field trips. We also need to have the staff trained. Training is happening soon and while teachers are being trained, students will be in the auditorium doing some sort of appropriate video or activity. Training is about an hour and a half. Something will come home via jupiter.

Tuesday, November 8th - Election day which is a day with no school for students but remote work may be posted (that is what was done last year).

Wednesday, Nov 9th - Parent/Teacher Conferences. This will be a half day for students. half day pick up is at 11:25. k-5 eat lunch at school and middle school can have grab and go. conferences are from 1:30-3:30 and 5-7:30. by appointment made online. only sign up for one conference.

Report cards go out before winter break not before these conferences.

Listening conferences - Different from parent teacher conferences because they are about the person not the student. info going out this week to those parents who said they are interested or unsure when surveyed.

Parent coordinator fell through. There is another candidate now but we are back to square one with the approval process. Goes to CEC next and then back to TAG.

8th grade town hall 10-19 @ 5:45

10-19 @ 10:00 community safety meeting

10-26 Middle school applications open - Letters with account creations info should be out before then (maybe the day of)

Technology - No real update but hoping to have Ms. Ho back in the spring. Admin doesn't see the value in using an online platform in the meantime so they are doing a science lab.

Character Day Parade- Admin said that they are already accommodating character day and won't take out instructional time for kids to parade around. Admin doesn't see the value.

Poor Richard's Playground update - No official update but hopefully it will be open by spring. It looks like progress is being made. Can explore using the space for recess again. Mr. Dascal said he will reach out to his contact at the parks department for an update.

Moving forward with Latin soon

What is Advisory? It's a class for 5th and 6th graders that focuses on SEL and well rounded person skills.

Recess Equipment - Hard to get the balls etc down for recess everyday. Admin is looking into buying a shed to store them outside. PTA offered to help with funding.

PTA Financials

7:30

Treasury Report (see below)

PTA Audit - To be conducted by the Audit VP in the coming weeks. Will report back at the next meeting on progress.

There was a suggestion to move to the PTA funds from its current Chase checking account into an interest-bearing savings account or CD. Some concerns were raised (e.g. compliance with chancellor's regulations and issues related with the PTA transfer of records process) but it was agreed that if folks are interested in pursuing it the board would be open to further discussions.

Fundraising Committee Updates

7:40

Fundraising Calendar (see below) - Fundraising VP shared and discussed the fundraising calendar and the parent body voted to approve it.

Gala Theme - Fundraising committee will be sending out a survey regarding the below potential gala themes:

- TAG, It's Game Night
- A Night of TAG Magic
- A TAG Night Together Under the Stars
- A Night of TAG Renaissance

Afterschool Math Program With Mr. Haitram

8:00

A brief overview of the program was provided. Specifically that it is an afterschool program open to all 5th and 6th grade students where Mr. Haitram (the TAG 5th and 6th grade math teacher) can provide extra support to the students. The reason it is for these two grades specifically is because admin felt it was necessary to help with the transition between elementary and middle school math.

TAG online marketplace

8:05

Some parents expressed interest in having the PTA create an online marketplace for uniform exchange. As this would be hosted on the PTA website, it was decided that it would fall under the communications committee and could be discussed further in that forum.

Adjournment

8:10

8:26 PM
10/17/22
Accrual Basis

TAG PTA, INC. Balance Sheet vs Previous Period Period Year As of September 30, 2022

	Sep 30, 22	May 31, 22	Sep 30, 21
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	436,170	442,886	273,148
Other Current Assets	500	500	500
Total Current Assets	436,670	443,386	273,648
TOTAL ASSETS	436,670	443,386	273,648
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	4,168	4,168	4,168
Total Liabilities	4,168	4,168	4,168
Equity	432,502	439,218	269,480
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU...	436,670	443,386	273,648

TAG Proposed 2022-2023 Fundraising Calendar

Month	Fundraiser
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TAG Wear pre-sale event - iPledge Kick-off with Matching Event
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Picture Day on Tuesday, November 1st
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Picture Day Make-up
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Valentine's Day/Spring Bling Grams]
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - iPledge drive with class participation prizes (dress down day, pizza party, movie, etc.)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - iPledge 5k run/walk Earth Day event drive
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TAG Auction Gala Event, May 13th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note: Parent Volunteers Needed to Plan & Run Event
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholastic Book Fair In-Person (end of May/beginning of June)