



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order/President's Welcome | 6:04pm |
| II. Administration Update | 6:05pm |

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

- Working on opening parent teacher conference sign up link and expect to have open tomorrow by 5pm, with conferences on November 2nd
- A new K TA started on Monday and by October 23rd all 3 TAs will be in place (K to 3rd)
- Wrapping up beginning of year assessments (K-2 take Acadian and 3-8 take IReady)
- Reviewed Spirit Days, kicked off with Sports Day the past Friday, October 13th, the wearing of Pink for Breast Cancer awareness day on Friday, Oct 20th and Character Day scheduled Friday, Oct 27th
- Ender Beras, a school aide for 8 years, now hired as a substitute paraprofessional and a new school aide has been hired
- Successful ribbon cutting ceremony and red ball tennis playing on Friday Oct 13th
- Recess has resumed outside with lots of balls, hula hoops, etc. (no need to bring own or for PTA to buy)
- Unfortunately too difficult to have sufficient periods of time to facilitate tennis playing by the kids
- Parent asked about COVID vaccine clinic which led to making it aware that paperwork can be filled out by any parent to register a student with the Mount Sinai Clinic that is onsite – can do wellness checks, treatment, vaccines, etc. (check with Ms. B if not sure whether child registered or not) with only basic care permitted if not registered
- Use of yard for a PTA event would require a parks permit given the yard is owned by Parks Department

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| III. Treasury Report | 6:30pm |
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Treasurer presented monthly Report:

- No new money raised in past month
- Raised ~\$14k so far for current school year
- Expenses to date of ~\$147k (Young Historians \$16k, Creative Writing \$3k, Smarty Ants \$3k, etc.)
- \$349.5k current Chase Account balance

IV. Committee Updates

6:35pm

A. Budget

■ Parent Coordinator/Misc School Support Budget Proposal Vote

- Presented Budget Proposal for a \$1,000 line item to support Misc. expenses of Parent Coordinator, the school, staff, etc. that is small in nature (hangers, stock supply items, etc.)
- E-Board to review all expenditures and to bring back for a vote any items that are not deemed “small scale” to avoid over/unnecessary use of funds
- Explained that adding this line item would not pull from any other items (sufficient budget to add)
- VOTE CONDUCTED at 6:45pm and APPROVED

■ TAG Teacher Tenure Celebration

- Rasheedah reviewed the PTA’s support of a celebration of 4 TAG teachers making Tenure this year, with the UFT/D4 celebrating the teachers on Oct 19th and TAG/PTA providing a celebratory lunch on Friday Oct 20th

B. Fundraising

■ TAG Wear

■ iPledge Launch

- iPledge an important part of annual fundraising, with donations of money and time available and both important to the PTA’s efforts
- Events coming up that will need volunteer help (picture day, book fair, etc.)
- Next Fundraising Committee meeting on Friday, Nov 2nd at 10am

C. Enrichment

- Started chess, creative writing starting soon, researching robotics, engineering for kids and will have an update on debate next month

D. Family Engagement

■ TAG Playdate Oct 21st from 12-4pm

- TAG Playdate at Cedar Hill in Central Park
- Next meeting will talk more about Potluck, etc.
- If not getting weekly email from class parents, please reach out to membership and will figure it out and still looking for 7th and 8th grade class parents
- Friday, Nov 1st is the November meet & greet

E. Grants

- Next meeting Nov 14th from 7-8pm
- Start discussing researching of big grants for 2024 and looking for smaller grants that may be useful, start a liaison with teachers to see what they may want (one idea is to support chess)

F. Communications

- Next meeting is Monday, Oct 23rd at 7pm

V. New Business

7:08pm

A. Uniform Discussion

- Reviewed summary of discussion/survey results from last year
- Main takeaway was general support to make uniform policy less strict (e.g., optional tie, multiple shirt colors, more shoe flexibility)
- Looking to re-engage with any parents that may be interested in pushing topic further

B. GotSneakers Fundraising Drive

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- Explained initiative
 - C. Shout Out for Parent Volunteers:
 - Explained search for Audit Committee – an opportunity for a small group of TAG parents with audit experience to help provide an audit for good measure – please reach out to Treasurer with any questions and/or interest
 - Also looking for parent volunteers to help lead these efforts
 - Lead Box Tops Fundraising Efforts
 - Used to bring in \$1k+, now all on an app, need help rolling back out
 - Alumni Relations Project
 - Want to do a better job keeping in touch with alumni to hear about high school, industry jobs, support school fundraising, etc.
 - Girls Who Code After-School Program
 - PTA has budgeted money to spend on this program and could be an opportunity for Ms. Finn, the new Technology Teacher, to help

Other Items Raised:

- Middle school admissions question – advised to reach out to Ms. B with any questions
- Putting PTA funds in an interest bearing account – to reach out to Chase to ask about any options that keep funds liquid

VI. Adjournment

7:34pm