



Talented and Gifted School for Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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MEETING INFO - TAG PTA GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/President's Welcome 6:05pm

II. Administration Update 6:10pm

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

- Playground expected to be completed by mid-October with potential for earlier if weather cooperates / lines added last week
- 10 foot iron gate added to secure access to school from 3rd avenue
- Gym re-opened since first full week of school, closed 2 days for drying and then open since September 11th, with expectation to re-sand and re-finish sometime during school year (likely over weekend/holiday)
- Asbestos Abatement Notice related to removal of asbestos curtain from auditorium that was completed in July (no active asbestos particulate concern from having curtain in place historically)
- Official DOE assessments/universal screeners will start soon (K-2 take Acadian and 3-8 take IReady)
- Pleased with TAG state test results that recently came out for prior school year
- Dr. Cosme spoke about new Sea Star Award initiative to be given monthly to a student that makes a positive difference in someone's life (first award given to a 5th grader for helping a new K student adjust to bus)
- Saturday, Sept 30th is District 4 Welcome Event at PS7 at 120th Street (rain date Oct 14th)
- September 27th @ 5:45pm there will be an 8th grade town hall (7th graders welcome to attend)

III. Treasury Report 7:15pm

Treasurer reviewed new format for monthly Treasury Report that was well received and reviewed the limited activity over prior month with primary activity the \$105,000 donation made to TAG to support TAs

IV. Committee Updates 7:25pm

A. Budget

- Previously covered with Budget discussion and vote moved ahead of committee updates
 - B. Fundraising
 - TAG Wear
- Announced new TAG Wear vendor to be launched in coming weeks and allow for ordering throughout year, ship to home, etc. and new merchandise options
 - 2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar / Vote
- Fundraising presented 2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar
- Vote taken (Zoom poll) regarding the 2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar - Approved
 - C. Enrichment
 - Update on Afterschool Classes
 - In-curriculum chess for K-2nd starting on Wednesdays and afterschool chess announced
 - Robotics class details in process
 - Mandarin, Piano and other potential classes under discussion and collaboration with Y a component
 - Support for math competitions under discussion
 - Switching Debate Vendor
 - Debate vendor, sufficiency of support for Debate under discussion
 - Engagement Committee meeting identified as a priority to continue working through enrichment class details and report back
 - D. Family Engagement
 - Class Parent Orientation 10am on Saturday, Sept 30th (still time to attend D4 welcome event afterward)
 - Still in search of Class Parent for 6th and 7th grades
 - Coffee Meet & Greets to be held first Friday of each month at 8:10am and in auditorium this year
 - Welcome Picnic working to reschedule for October
 - Discussing other potential events including ice skating, ski trip (if someone steps up to organize), block party, pot luck, etc.
 - E. Grants
 - Grants meetings to be 2nd Tues of each month at 7pm
 - HVAC system upgrades
 - Working on other potential Grants – bathrooms on other floors, AV system for auditorium, etc.
 - F. Communications
 - Primary mandate to help PTA/committees get emails out
 - Looking for volunteers to help on production of a Newsletter to keep parents informed
 - Could be fun!

V. TAG PTA 2023-2024 Budget Discussion & Vote

6:45pm

- A. Young Historians Program Proposal & Vote
 - Heather Miller from Athena Learning presented program and showed video
 - Budget Proposal Attached as Appendix
- B. Creative Writing Program Proposal & Vote
 - Ms. Cassandra Bova presented Creative Writing Program
 - Budget Proposal Attached as Appendix

After presenting proposals for 2 new programs, Treasurer shared 2023-2024 PTA budget that had been approved at June 2023 General PTA meeting and addressed a few questions raised by parents

- 2023-2024 PTA Budget (excluding 2 new approved Budget items) attached as Appendix

Conducted 3 Votes:

7:05pm

- Vote taken (Zoom poll) regarding Young Historians Budget Proposal (\$16,000 per school year) – Approved
- Vote taken (Zoom poll) regarding Creative Writing Budget Proposal (4 hours per week at \$55.60-57.27/hr) – Approved
- Vote taken (Zoom poll) regarding the 2023-2024 PTA Budget - Approved

VI. Audit Committee Search Discussion

7:50pm

Explained desire to conduct an audit and search to find parent(s) that may have audit experience to help serve on an Audit Committee

- Treasurer to follow up with an email to the community explaining details

VII. Adjournment

7:55pm



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TAG PTA - Budget Request Form

Date: September 25, 2023

Requester(s): Ms. Bova & Mr. Zach (4th grade team)

Requester Contact Information:

Detailed Program or Item(s) Description	<p>The program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The curriculum with an educator who comes in to teach our students alongside Ms. Bova and I. From September until late April, it is 1 hour a month. After that it ramps up to 1 hour a week.- The culmination is a series of debates surrounding colonial times and the onset of the American Revolution. These are either on Zoom, or in years past the UK government has funded their students to come to NYC to hold the debates in person.- Students are partnered with a pen pal.- Office hours 3 evenings every week from May-June as students prepare for the debate.- Access to and field trip opportunities the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum.
Name of Vendor Being Used	Athena Learning
Estimated Cost of Program or Item(s)	\$16,000 per school year
Grades Impacted by Program or Item(s)	4 th grade
Date Money is Needed By	ASAP
Any other details you'd like to provide	Here is a link to the website that details the program. http://athenalearninginc.com/#/new-page-77/



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PTA Budget Committee - Budget Request Form SY 2023-2024

Date: _____
 Your Name(s): Ms Bova (4th grade teacher)
 Phone Number(s): _____
 Your Email: cbova@schools.nyc.gov
 Reason for your Request: Creative Writing After School Program
 Required details:

NAME OF ITEM OR PROGRAM	Creative Writing After School Program
ESTIMATED 2023-2024 COST OF ITEM(s) OR PROGRAM	Requesting compensation of per session rate- 2 hrs a week for sessions prep time- 2hrs a week Weekly cost- \$55.60 per hour until Jan 2024, \$57.27 per hour Jan-June 2024 Total- 4 hours paid per session per week
WHICH GRADES WILL BE OFFERED THE ITEM OR PROGRAM	4th-8th grade 1 weekly session 4th-5th grade 1 weekly session 6th-8th grade
ITEM OR PROGRAM SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS? (i.e. dates, times, deadlines, etc.)	after school 2:30-3:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (whichever 2 days work best)
ARE TAG RESOURCES NEEDED? (i.e. staff, space, etc.)	space- room 212 (Ms. Bova's room)
ITEM OR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	Creative writing after school program- Students will participate in a creative writing workshop-style program where they will learn about, and practice writing a variety of fiction genres (poetry, short stories, gothic, play writing, etc.). This program is ideal for students who enjoy writing or want to explore writing in the creative realm. Students can also bring personal pieces of fiction that they have worked on at home or in school to receive feedback from their peers and Ms. Bova. This writing workshop program will not focus on formal academic writing such as essays or research based writing, but will instead foster student imagination and expand the creative skills they learn in school. In

	<p>practicing writing creatively, formal skills such as syntax, grammar, and spelling will also be naturally enhanced and corrected when needed.</p> <p>Works from authors such as Edgar Allen Poe, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Langston Hughes, Shirley Jackson, Ray Bradbury, Roald Dahl, and others to be included.</p>
<p>PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS TO BE CONSIDERED</p>	<p>No materials needed for students except for their creative minds and something to write with.</p>

Emergency Funds	All		\$7,000.00
Insurance	NA		\$1,000.00
Taxes/Accountant/Audit	NA		\$10,000.00
Administrative Expenses	NA		\$10,000.00
Communication Expenses	All		\$2,000.00
Fundraising Expenses	All		\$20,000.00
Teaching Assistants	All	(\$20 per hour)(potential for 3 TAs)	\$70,000.00
Music Teacher	All	Ms. Shaw	\$35,000.00
In-Curriculum Chess	all	k-2 all year & 3-7 May/June	\$15,000.00
In-Curriculum Language	1-5	usually latin - TBD by admin	\$20,000.00
Smarty Ants	K-1	online reading comprehension platform	\$3,000.00
4th Grade Planners	4	Per Ms. Bova's request	\$500.00
Chess Team	All		\$15,000.00
New Victory Theater	All		\$200.00
In-Curriculum Sports & Movement	All		\$40,000.00
In-Curriculum STEM	All		\$20,000.00
In-Curriculum Theater Program	3-8		\$10,000.00
In-Curriculum Debate	4-7		\$10,000.00
Debate Club	4-8		\$15,000.00
Math Club and Competition Fees	All	AMC8 & MOEMS	\$11,500.00
Girls Who Code			\$20,000.00
Field Day	All		\$5,000.00
Art Supplies	All	Per Ms. Tabrizi's request	\$1,000.00
TAG Instrument Repair	All	Per Mr. Faulkner's request	\$5,000.00
4th Grade Story Teller	4		\$500.00
SHSAT Prep	7	afterschool program with the Y	\$15,000.00
Community Event Expenses	All		\$15,000.00
Teacher Appreciation & Holiday Gifts	All		\$10,000.00
K Grade Moving Up	K		\$1,000.00
5th Grade Moving Up	5		\$3,000.00
8th Grade Senior Activities	8		\$7,000.00
TOTAL			\$397,700.00

TAG Proposed 2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fundraiser</u>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● iPledge Kick-off with Matching Event● Tag Wear launch (full year initiative)
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Box Tops● Picture Day (11/29)
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Combined In-person/Virtual Scholastic Holiday Book Fair (12/6 & 12/7)
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Picture Day Make-up (date TBD)
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● iPledge drive with class participation prizes (dress down day, pizza party, movie, etc.)
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Carnival/Yard Sale (volunteering as a way to hit their iPledge)
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Combined In-person/Virtual Scholastic Holiday Book Fair (5/28 & 5/29)● Gala

Also for consideration: Holiday Grams; Other events