

~~October 11~~ 1 hour 15 mins

~~November 15~~ 1 hour 17 mins

~~December 13~~ 1 hour 33 mins

~~January 10~~ 1 hour 26 min

~~February 7~~ 1 hr 15 min

March 14

April 4

May 9

June 13

AGENDA

February 7th, 5:45pm

I. Call to Order

II. TAG Administration Update

III. Student Council Update

IV. Vanderbilt YMCA Update

- a. Has the space situation been resolved?
- b. Friday afternoon debate class issues

V. PTA Update

VI. New Business

- a. Grading procedures and protocols
- b. Replacement of science inquiry
- c. Budget

VII. Adjournment

Attendance

Students:

TAG Parents:

Liz Butler (Co-Chair), Luigi Kapaj (Co-Chair), Jennifer Fiore, Rasheedah Harris, Edwin(not sure if parent name or student name), Wei Shen

TAG School Staff:

Principal Dascal, Dr. Cosme (Assistant Principal), Ms. Bova (TAG Teacher: SLT Co-Secretary), Ms. Tang (UFT rep), Jessica (YMCA)

Call to order: 5:55pm

TAG Admin Update

- Respect for All assembly
 - K-4 performance and 5-8 performance
 - <https://omegamanschools.com/>
- Wrapping up mid-year screeners and progress monitors
 - 95% complete with i-ready
 - 100% done with Acadience
- Equity Team- school wide initiatives for different events
 - Black History Month school wide theme: King Center
 - Cultivating community
- Dr De La Cruz is sending out daily Black History facts that are being forwarded to staff
- Ms. Harris recommendation: sharing a fact of the day for the school community, short to be memorable
 - Admin loves the idea, discussing implementation
 - Asking students in each class to generate a fact to share with the school to be picked at random for each day and made over PA system
 - Ms. B will start sending out the daily facts through Jupiter
- Candidate identified for TA position but they have not reached back out to the school in response
 - Budget available for 3 teaching assistants
- New Recess procedures have been very successful
 - All materials being used on days that are not inclement
 - Students do not need to bring in their own equipment
 - Yard has been partitioned to help make recess safer for everyone
 - There have been fewer instances of students getting injured

Student Council Update

- Movie night was successful; 115 students attended
 - Ms. B took notes for improvement suggestions
 - Hopefully another event in the spring
- Valentine's Day bake sale
 - All pre packaged/ individually wrapped foods for safety and sanitary purposes

YMCA Update

- Thank Mr. Dascal for resolving the 4th-5th grade classroom situation, back inside a classroom
- Prepping for collab with PTA Pizza Potluck event 2/10

- Board games and family activities
- Trips planned for the spring to help support high school and college visits for middle school students
- Planning for summer camp
 - Want to allow TAG families to fill slots to allow more students to get into the summer program
- Holiday camp coming up for elementary students, mid-winter recess
 - Possibility during spring recess as well and including middle school students
- Friday afternoon debate class issues
 - Ms. Lorraine shared that the past 2 weeks there has been issues ensuring that elementary students log on in time for debate
 - 4th and 5th grade group need earlier access to laptops to be able to log in time for 4pm

PTA Update

- February meeting will be on 2/28 instead of 2/14
- Over 100 people said they would attend the potluck on Friday 2/10
- Fundraising committee meeting happening currently to plan the Gala
 - Teacher experiences
 - Principal for a day is approved

Grading Procedures and Protocols

- Late assignments
 - Hasn't come up in consultation
 - Middle school teachers having some issues with assignments being submitted blank and then teachers are unaware that it is actually missing
 - Teachers should check the day an assignment is due to make sure that the work is actually submitted especially if it is being submitted online
- Needs to be made easier for younger students to complete work that is also online and on paper
 - Harder for students and families to keep on track
 - Ms. Tang- there is a homework sheet for students to complete their homework and check
 - Where is the homework being written down in terms of what assignments need to be done?

Promotion in Doubt

- The school has 9 students in total on PID, 7 of the students in grades 3-8
- Conversations with all families have happened
- Letters sent out later this week
- After school support being offered once we return from mid-winter break
 - Small groups? Yes

- Funding will come out of budget

Replacement of Science Inquiry

- PTA requesting schedule of science inquiry
- What grades are being served and how many times a week?
 - K-5th
 - Depending on the grade 1-2x per week
 - K and 1, and 2 are 1x a week
 - 3-5 are 2x a week

Budget

- SLT galaxy view of budget will be sent out by the end of the week to members

RTI- person being interviewed 2/20

School Aide- waiting to hear back from prospective candidate

Adjournment- 7:00pm

AGENDA

January 10th 5:45pm

I. Call to Order

II. TAG Administration Update

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V. PTA Update

VI. CEP Review & Discussion

A. Adding PE as an Area of Concentration

B. Family Resources Webpage - Parent's Corner?

C. Parent Workshops on Navigating the IEP Process?

VII. New Business

A. Dress Code Review

C. Grading process (procedures and protocols)

- late assignments, correspondence, expectations, turn around time

D. SETTS support

E. AIS hire

VIII. Adjournment

Attendance

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Violet Lynch, Michael Mokrov

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Other:**Call to order: 5:51pm****TAG Admin Update:**

- Equipment shed was delivered before break
 - Locked with chain and lock, anchored to floor
 - K and 1 classes will go over use of equipment
 - Town hall to review equipment use 2-8
 - Students who do not want to use equipment will have a safe space to be
 - Good on equipment
 - Handball areas will be used for soccer areas
 - Football area
 - Hula hoops and jump ropes area
- Rally Math has started today (will go through Thursday next week)
 - Rally will be Tuesday, Wednesday this week & Tuesday Thursday the following week
 - Next Wednesday we will pause RALLY for **Picture Re-take Day (Wed 9/18)**
 - 8th grade reports back that there were items that were not familiar in today's benchmark algebra test. Mr. Goodin has reviewed those skills with the students later that day.
 - Reinforce that RALLY underscores what we know and need to know going forward for State Test.

Harvard Enrichment Program: College Students for Enrichment in Secondary Schools (CSESS)

- Harvard undergrads come in to teach enrichment lessons with 7th grade students
- 7 sessions total
- Students learn various topics from pirates, map making, set design, etc.
- 2:30-4:30 pm

Miscellaneous

- Mr. Faulkner is organizing a concert to take place before mid-winter break (possibly 2/16)
- 5th and 6th grade are on the move! Watch out! (Now have lockers and are transitioning between classes)
 - Students currently facing over-encumbrance issues, though mostly self inflicted through bringing too many personal effects.
 - Students can leave instruments in Mr. Faulkners rooms & coats in their homerooms.

Student Council Update

- Transitioning Between Classes
 - Upper grades would like to address the 6th graders need for better locker visit etiquette and organization
 - Mr. Dascal suggests possible passing of knowledge and skills from 7th and 8th grade to lower grades
- Spirit Fridays ?
- Winter Movie Night
 - January 20th 2:30-5pm- GYM UNAVAILABLE
 - Gym available on January 27
 - Violet Lynch to discuss new date with Student council.
- Valentine's Day bake sale
 - Possible dates set and posters made
 - Food Restrictions or regulations.
 - PTA help needed
 - Money raised towards 8th grade trip?
- Admin to arrange a meeting with PTA and student council for related issues

YMCA Update

- Not present

PTA Update

- N/A

CEP Discussion

- Adding PE as an area of the CEP
- SEL and movement seem related, could they be put together in the action plan?
- Dascal: we cannot allocate time and goals to PE specifically. Some students don't like to move.
- Violet: student perspective- students want more sports during the school day/ after school.

Basketball- in the final stages of it happening

Someone to speak about resources/ IEP related things during monthly PTA morning meetings.

- Maybe Ms. Tang?

2022-2023 G&T Admissions

- No separate application for K
- Criteria for screening is not currently available/known

Grading process/procedures

- Report cards received are based on the standards handed down from the DOE

SETTS support

- Continuing to look

Tech/Science

- Parents are looking for alternatives for the tech curriculum.
- Dascal is not for program that is free-form students going online without guidance
- No one is available in the DOE currently to teach technology
 - Looked with PTA and programs seem not viable or economically feasible
- Rasheedah: Gathering feedback from families because they are concerned about the science class for k-4
- Ms. Disha is there for supplemental science but she is not the only one teaching science to the students
 - Parents: it might not be about the curriculum but the way it is being taught (i.e. videos and worksheets)

Dress Code:

- Tie optional for middle school
- Confirm that PTA website is update

Elementary School (K-5TH Grade):
White Collared Shirt (tucked in) or Polo Shirt
Grey Pants (Grey knee-length Shorts are appropriate in warmer weather)
Red Plaid Jumper or Skirt
Red Cardigan or Blazer
Red Plaid Necktie or Criss-Cross Tie
Black/Navy Dress Shoes or ALL BLACK/Navy sneakers
Leggings and socks should be all white, black, or grey

Middle School (6th-8th Grade):
White Collared Shirt (tucked in) or Polo Shirt
Navy Pants or Navy knee-length Shorts
Navy Jumper or Skirt
Navy Cardigan or Blazer
Tie (Optional)
Black/Navy Dress Shoes or ALL BLACK/NAVY sneakers
Leggings and socks should be all white, black, or navy

Adjournment: 7:11pm

AGENDA

December 13th 5:45pm

I. Call to Order

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B. 2022-2023 G&T Admissions

C. Grading process (procedures and protocols)

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VIII. Adjournment

Attendance

Students:

Ryan Soon

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Other:

Jhoselyn Fuentes, Jessica (YMCA rep), Schnae Harris

Call to order: 5:55pm

TAG Admin Update

- Marking period officially ended on Friday 12/9
- Report cards go out next wednesday, 12/21

- TAG has a need for paras (all over NYC DOE issue)
 - Whenever a para is out it is difficult to get a sub
 - DOE has allowed TAG to nominate 2 sub paras
 - Ms. Katoon (sp?) and Ms. Lang have both expressed interest in becoming sub paras and will become nominated as sub paras
 - Nomination process takes time and in the meantime they will continue as teaching assistants
- Now TAG needs new TAs
- First Math Olympiad happened last week, next window closes 1/6/23
 - **Next will happen Tuesday 12/20 instead**
- RALLY Math and then ELA will be administered in January after break
- Dascal's superintendent observation happens tomorrow 12/14
 - Will meet with student council and PD team
- Enforcing to parents to not send sick children into school
 - Staff and kids are getting sick

Student Council Update

- Currently have weekly meetings for student council
- Workload has increased again
 - Puts more work on students completing projects because of students being out sick with covid

YMCA Update

- Both sites are completely full with enrollment
- Elementary 150 participants
- Middle School 75 participants
- 12/23 Holiday celebration will be held- early dismissal is required
 - Students will be dismissed from program at 4pm
- In participation with PTA potluck in January
- Emails from teachers and principals about laptop usage
 - Staff has been taking photos to show the proof that laptops are being put away and used correctly
 - Access to laptops is a concern- students need for homework, debate, and other programs
- Dascal is still hearing from teachers about the way the classrooms are being left
- Dascal has not heard anything specific about laptops being an issue
 - He needs advance notice if laptop carts are needed so he can locate one for them
- YMCA does have homework allocated in their schedule every day so they need laptop access each day of the week

- They have been going to Dascal to ask for permission but the laptops are not being properly used so that might have been the previous issue
 - Laptops are not being charged after use- jamming chargers
 - Counselors are trying to put away the laptops instead but it seems like the issue
- **Communication needs to happen so that program knows kids don't need laptops for homework**
- We need a better solution to keeping shared classroom space in a better state
- Seems like students don't need to be online for homework (at least elementary school)- will this help with laptop usage?
- Ryan: work has been more paper focused as opposed to last year, teachers want students to work on paper.
 - There has also been a significant amount of computer work as well to save paper. (did not specify if this was homework or classwork)
- Trying to increase participation- attendance is not consistent- will be helpful to encourage students to attend as many days as they can

PTA Update 6:22 pm

- PTA meeting is next Tuesday 12/20
- Afterschool enrichment launched for guitar and musical theater
- D4 presidents council is collaborating a collection and receiving donation for families in need/ newly arrived families
- Any feedback from staff on enrichment room usage: good, bad, nothing?
 - Nothing has been heard but it will get tougher because once we return from winter break, Ms. Shaw will have her after school choir program
 - Rooms available are in short supply
- Can PTA request usage for auditorium or dance studio on Thursdays?- Dascal will ask because he is unsure who needs it already at that time

CEP Review 6:27 pm

- Liz: reviewed CEP and noted the target goals that have passed
- Hard target- Teachers being trained on Shared Inquiry protocols, Achieve3000, launching of certain programs
 - New teachers have been trained in shared inquiry protocols
 - In the spring teachers were asked if Smarty Ants and Achieve3000 were useful so they were not purchased
 - Smarty ants will be purchased for k-2 teachers

- Razz kids has been used in k-2
- NewsELA is used throughout the school
- PTA has budgeted to help the cost of programs
- RALLY was pushed to January so the action plan is incorrect but will still fall in the January window
- Family literacy night?
 - Never been done before
 - Still TBD as long as it is done before Spring break that would be great
 - What would this look like?
 - Work together to plan and just send out info to school community
- Math- RALLY and AMC8
 - AMC8 should be taken out we don't do that anymore
 - TAG now participates in math olympiads- needs to be added to CEP
 - Math counts- middle school math competition and Goodin wants to put teams together to participate
 - Offsite and citywide
 - School may need support and all these programs have an entry fee but the school probably has the money to provide for the program
 - PTA can help if needed
 - Office hours: are teachers holding it?
 - Ms. Tang- we realized this year that we were the only school in the district where teachers met with students during the 30 mins after school, it should be clerical or teacher work
 - Teachers are interested but it would have to start after 2:55 but what would happen with students
 - Teachers wanted to do tutoring programs and test preps in the spring
 - Office hours were used during covid to help with intervention work and now that school is more stable the nature of office hours has changed and we want to follow the contract. Need to figure out how to provide additional support to students who need it.
 - Ryan was asked: Is there an issue with access to office hours?
 - He hasn't noticed anything but that he knows students ask teachers for support during class and lunch
- SEL goals
 - DESSA screener isn't being used because staff voted that it was not useful
 - Currently finding a different screener, superintendent asked us to use something else to gather SEL data
 - Thinking of forming a subcommittee in relation to equity and sel

- Stay tuned for more information
- IEP related stuff
 - 3 years ago there was a specific action plan created to make sure students received the services they needed
 - Now it is combined into CEP- more about compliance
 - We are out of compliance
 - Speech therapist is on maternity leave and we didn't get replacement until mid-October
 - New students come in and then we need to make sure we are meeting IEP
 - Compliance rates from previous school year were used to help meet new goals for this school year
 - Because we only have dozens of IEPs at TAG the compliance rates are based on smaller numbers
 - What does compliance mean? Writing IEPs on time before they are due

Who determines the 4 categories? The city

New Business 7:02 pm

- Dress Code

- Some parents do not like having a dress code. Are we still for the dress code?
- Dascal: there is a different feel in the school on dress down days, the kids act with less decorum
 - Wearing a uniform allows students to feel like they are at school and responsible
 - Would that change? Not sure and not willing to abandon uniform
- A schoolwide survey would have to go out to determine if we got rid of the dress code
- PTA needs to host an open forum to discuss this issue
- Ryan: has been at the school from k-8 and has to wear a uniform the entire time, it is now less strict in terms of the way students can add to their uniforms. They seem to be fair, it is not too restricting. It is good that there are PE uniforms because what else would students do.
- Can we formalize a more lax version of the uniform policy?
- Do we allow stuff to come from other vendors?
- Uniform is neutral; anyone can wear the skirt, pants, etc. and this is a DOE policy. We can no longer have specified boy and girl uniforms.
- Supply issues had been problems for parents but they are glad that students can just wear white shirts and gray slacks.

To be addressed next meeting:

- **2022-2023 G&T Admissions**

- **Grading process/procedures**
- **SETTS support**
 - Continuing to look
- **AIS protocol**

Adjournment 7:18 pm

TAG SLT AGENDA

November 15 5:45 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. TAG Administration Update
- III. Student Council Update
- IV. Vanderbilt YMCA Update
- V. PTA Update
- VI. CEP Review & Discussion
- VII. New Business
 - A. Review of SLT members
 - B. Confirmation of SLT meeting Dates
- VIII. Adjournment

Attendance:

Students

Ryan Soon

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TAG School Staff

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Also in attendance

Gabrielle Sperber, Bonnie Wang, Rasheedah Harris, Schnae Harris, Jhoselyn Fuentes, Amit Joshi

Absent:

(1 hour 17 mins: 5:54 pm - 7:02 pm)

1. Call to Order
2. TAG Administration Update (5:54-6:08)
 - a. Updates from TAG Admin
 - i. Dascal- we do have a parent coordinator- Ms. B. D4 hiring protocols changed to have CEC meet with candidates, they approved. She began working 11/7.
 1. TBD to introduce her to students.
 2. Parent community introduction at Tuesday 11/22 PTA meeting
 - ii. Teacher was hired for “Science Inquiry” course: Mr. Graham
 1. 6-8 grade program now called “Explorations and Inquiry in Discussions” (officially an ELA course)
 - iii. SHSAT test to be taken Thursday by 8th graders
 1. Regular school day but the exam is 3hrs
 - a. Students will not begin exam until 8:45am and students are not permitted to leave early
 - b. Students will eat lunch in the classroom upon completion of the exam
 - c. Students will have “chill out” time in the afternoon
 2. Breakfast hosted Friday morning to celebrate
 - iv. Friday 11/18- Multicultural Day
 1. Students encouraged to wear cultural wear, bring artifacts
3. Student Council Update (6:08 -6:25)
 - A. Results have come out for the 8th grade student elections
 - B. 6th grade reps should be included- is it 6-8 or just 7th and 8th?
 - C. Students have been given reduced workload to prepare for SHSAT
 - D. After elections there will be more student members participating in SLT meetings

E. Post presentation, students are still working on cafeteria food improvements

RE: High School Applications - some students are currently struggling and would like to have additional guidance.

- Ms. Y is currently working with students on this and is making herself available.
- Help session with TAG alum?

Should PTA work on a TAG Alumni Committee?

Rasheedah: 8th graders feel like they are not getting all the information they need to fully support their transition into high school.

- Dascal: there are changes to the process every year. DOE does not fully explain the changes. Only 1 training session is offered for guidance counselors. Lottery is new for this school year. Ms. Y needs to know if specific students need support in order to help them.

4. Vanderbilt YMCA Update (6:25-6:35)

- a. YMCA not in attendance
- b. Teachers would like to address issues in classrooms with material loss and the states of the classroom.
- c. Ongoing issue- have any solutions been proposed?
- d. Dascal: Program is becoming dangerously close to losing classroom spaces, so teachers will not be forced to have the program use their rooms.
- e. What is the expectation for what is to be used in the classroom?
 - i. Laptops can be used but if the key is not available they cannot be used.
 - ii. They should go to Mr. Dascal to ask for access to technology and other materials.
 - iii. Anything out of place needs to be reported to Mr. Dascal via email

- f. Elementary capacity is full
 - g. Middle school is close to capacity
 - h. How many rooms are they taking up? 7-8
5. PTA Update (6:36- 6:37)
- a. Monthly meeting next Tuesday (11/22)
 - b. Form circulated to address questions people might have in advance to the meeting to better prepare
 - c. Looking into athletic programs for middle school
 - d. First Enrichment Meeting 12/21
6. CEP Review and Discussion (6:37-6:45ish)
- a. SLT has ongoing obligations to lay out for the year, how can we make sure we stay on track
 - b. Feedback on CEP process
 - i. No previous hard deadlines in the process
 - ii. Previous goals which would make good targets include the Social Emotional Learning goal
 - iii. R.Soon indicates that there are student concerns about how SEL programs align with their work, but has improved relationships with peers
 - c. In regard to this year's SLT- upcoming things on action plan include administering RALLY, hosting a family literacy night and administering student identity inventory

Planners- ahhh! (6:45-6:55)

- 5th and 6th grade team changed approach this year- no template
- Advisory is being used for organization techniques
- Student feedback is important
- All options have limitations and there are still challenges

7. New Business (6:56-6:58)

a. Review of SLT members

i. **TAG Parents**

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ii. **TAG School Staff**

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Co-Secretary), Mr. Rivera (TAG Teacher: SLT Co-Secretary), Ms. Tang (UFT rep)

b. Confirmation of meeting dates

- i. See Top of document.
- ii.

8. To be addressed next meeting (6:58-7:02)

- a. Updates on elementary tech classes
- b. Is Ms. Ho returning?
- c. Enrichment afterschool

9. Adjournment - motion to adjourn by Rasheedah

Adjourned: 7:02pm

October 11 5:45pm

Attendance:

Students

Ryan Soon, Shivai Nikam

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Absent

Ms. Tang (UFT rep)

Minutes: 5:45- 7pm

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