



TJ PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

03/16/2023 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committees: President Yvette Rivers, First VP of Programming and Events Pratyush Nutalapati, Second VP of Membership and Fundraising Yehong Zhou, Third VP of Communications Laura Marschoun, Treasurer Neelam Janardhan, Secretary Qingying Lu.

Committee Chairs: Academic Support Committee (ASC) Chair: Haiyan Richter; ANGP Committee Chair: Mary Alice Heretick; College Outreach Committee (COC) Diversity Committee (DC) Chair: Michele Hyde; Hospitality Committee (HC) Chair: Colleen Bucher; Health and Wellness Committee Chair: Renee Rodriguez

Principal: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus; SGA President: Rushil Umaretiya

Other TJPTSA Members (22)

Other Non-Members (2)

Parliamentarian: Jeff Neurauter

Location: In-person meeting at TJ Cafeteria

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Agenda Adoption
- III. Approval of January 12, 2023 GM Meeting Minutes
- IV. Principal's Report
- V. SGA Report
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Proposed Budget Revision
- VIII. Nominating Committee Election
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Printed Directory Recommendation for 2023-2024
- XI. New Business and Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

Call Meeting to Order - Yvette Rivers

- A quorum was determined to be present and the president called the meeting to order (@7:00).

- The president reminded the assembly of the meeting rules that were sent out in advance and highlighted a few of them:
 - Please be respectful and courteous at all times.
 - Raise your hand to request to be recognized.
 - Do NOT interrupt our presenters.
 - Only speak when the chair recognizes or calls on you.
- The president reminded everyone how to use the cards to vote in the meeting.

Agenda Adoption - Yvette Rivers

- The proposed agenda is shown on the screen.
- Elaine moved to approve the proposed agenda and was seconded by Laura.
- No proposed discussion on the proposed agenda. With 100% votes in favor, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of 1/12/23 GM Meeting Minutes - Yvette Rivers

- The draft minutes were sent out via email and have been available on the website. Since the minutes had been distributed in advance and there was no objection, the minutes were not read aloud during the meeting.
- As there were no corrections to the 2023-1-12 TJ PTSA GM Meeting Minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

Principal's Report - Dr. Ann Bonitatibus

- Wellness check
 - It's important to stay positive. Shout-out to Rachel and student representatives for raising student morale.
- Student SEL Survey Data
 - 68% students have positive feelings about their social, emotional, motivational skills, 10% higher than average in FCPS high schools, with consistency across grade levels
 - 70% students feel positive about environments, 11% higher than average in FCPS high schools, 8% increase from last year, with consistency across grade levels
 - 49% students feel supported through relationships, 2% higher than FCPS average, 14% increase from last year. Efforts from school staff, student groups, and PTSA have all contributed to the increase
- Staff Engagement Survey Data
 - 81% staff stated they are engaged.
 - 93% staff stated their work is interesting.
 - 75% staff stated they are motivated to contribute more than what's expected of them
 - 76% staff engaged compared to 68% in 2019
- Thank you and celebrate these achievements.

SGA Report - Rushil Umaretiya

- Winter Bash has been a huge success with higher spending this year
- Successful talent show, great turnout
- SGA purchased \$3,000 worth of basketball tickets to provide free access to TJ students
- Our goal was to make the necessary expenditures to grow our community. The SGA budget is currently in a \$6,500 deficit.
- Luncheon in April
- Student council election in May
- Middle school leadership conference in April
- Prom at end of April, national harbor
- J-day at end of May
- Working with activity office and class committee to plan commons decoration

- Held a town hall meeting for students with administration on 3/8
- Plan to hold another conversation between students and teachers before end of the year
- Working with TJAB on new merchandise
- Tony comment: collect ideas from students
- Renee asked about when tickets would be on sale
- Christina: With it only two weeks away for iNite, information sharing will be appreciated; Rushil responded that the SGA is not in charge of iNite
- Christina: Do we have a J-day date set yet? Rushil: 5/30. Yvette: will include it in the PTSA newsletter

Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget Revision - Nell Janardhan

- Exceeded revenue goals for the year over \$41,000 vs. \$37,900, therefore, we request budget revision
- Presented comparison between actuals and baseline budget by category
- We're proposing \$1,000 increase towards students' club support; raised revenue goal by \$3,100 to reflect by actuals; PTSA office by \$500 to reflect increased zoom webinars to allow for more than 100 registrants.
- Proposed revised budget has been distributed.
- On behalf of EC, Nell moved to adopt the revised budget. No discussions are requested. All approved. Motion has been adopted.

Nominating Committee Election: Yvette Rivers

- Yvette: The TJ PTSA will hold PTSA Officer elections during the May 25 the General Membership Meeting. And to make this happen, per our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is required to compile and recommend a slate of officer candidates to present at the April General Membership meeting, which will be virtual on April 20th. Per our bylaws, the Nominating Committee must have five members. As most of you probably saw from the emails, we had an online nomination process for the Nominating Committee. Thank you very much to the members who nominated themselves for this Nominating Committee.
- No nominations from the floor.
- Deborah Bagocius gave her candidate statement.
- Trina Bilal gave her candidate statement through a pre-recorded video.
- Hui Chen gave her candidate statement.
- Tony Depew gave his candidate statement.
- Shiwei Luo gave her candidate statement through a pre-recorded video.
- A vote was taken and members unanimously elected the five nominees to the Nominating Committee.

Committee Announcements: Committee Chairs

- **Diversity (Michele)**
 - Events held so far: Hispanic Heritage, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Black History Month
 - Upcoming events: Holi (3/31), Eid al fitr
 - These events are open to everyone. Please help spread the word.
- **ANGP (Mary Alice)**
 - 10pm 6/9 to 5am 6/10
 - Please sign up to volunteer
 - 10-12 sub-committee
 - Fund raising (Kelly): Yard sign, Jefferson Cup, and tickets for sale
 - ANGP online team meeting 4/11
 - In-person meeting in mid-May
 - Need donation of square boxes, VHS tapes, cassettes
 - Free tickets can be requested through the school social worker if can't afford
- **Hospitality (Colleen)**
 - Thanksgiving luncheon; gift cards to staff and teachers
 - Valentine's day
 - Call for volunteers for the teacher appreciation week and luncheon on 5/11 and 5/12
- **Academic Support (Haiyan)**

- Lunch for counselors
- Online parent sharing panel before course selection was due
- Call for volunteers for the AP exam support; 150 more exam takers than last year; college board requires one proctor per 35 students
- **Health and Wellness (Renee)**
 - Mardi gras event for the kids in Feb.
 - Chili cookout for teachers on teacher work day
 - Parent support group on anxiety on 3/1
 - Next parent support group focusing on executive functions next week; signup sheet in newsletter
 - Therapy dogs come next week and the last week of March
 - TJ will be holding 'Belonging Week' the week of INite
- **College outreach (Yvette presented on Par's behalf)**
 - Held alumni panel discussion
 - Senior perspectives panel on Junior packet next week
- **Q&As:**
 - Christina: are we going to get signups for parent volunteers to hold signs to cheer up AP exam takers? Renee: Health & Wellness committee will post a sign up for this event

Printed Directory Recommendation for 2023-2024: Yvette Rivers

- We are not proposing to vote on this today, but instead give notice of a vote during our next General Membership meeting in April regarding whether the PTSA should print the student directory next year.
- This is to give some background and share the Board's recommendation to members regarding printing the directory next school year.
- Traditionally, the TJHSST PTSA has provided a service to TJ families by producing a printed Student Directory that automatically includes all registered students in grades 9-12 unless their parent/guardian opts them out. The PTSA also offers an online and searchable version of this directory that includes all the same information as the Printed Directory, but in a different format.
- In the fall of every year, prior to printing the directory, parents/guardian who have not opted out are asked several times to login to verify data, update their contact information, and review/update their opt-out preferences.
- Pros of printed directory were presented.
- Cons of printed directory were presented.
- Board recommends NOT printing the student directory next year and promoting online student directory instead. Members will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on the decision at the next membership meeting.

New Business and Announcements

- PTSA member Survey
 - Significant increase in responses
 - Overly positive feedback and constructive comments
 - PTSA will share results soon
 - PTSA will take a deep dive in results, identify quick wins, and provide recommendations for the next PTSA
- TJAB will host SAT/ACT practice test
- Christina: parent coffee tomorrow morning
- Yehong: members can pick up free student directory from the table at the door

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned @8:25 pm

Minutes Prepared by Qingying (Ally) Lu, TJHSST PTSA Secretary.

Minutes Approved as Presented or Amended on April 20, 2023