



TJ PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

04/20/2023 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: ANGP Committee Chair: Mary Alice Heretick; Diversity Committee (DC) Chair: Michele Hyde; Hospitality Committee (HC) Chair: Colleen Bucher; Health and Wellness Committee Chair: Renee Rodriguez

Principal: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus; SGA Vice President: Praneeth Chinmay Bhandaru

Parliamentarian: Jeff Neurauter

Other participants (29)

Location: Zoom Meeting

Proposed and Adopted Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Yvette Rivers
- II. Agenda Adoption: Yvette Rivers
- III. Approval of the March 16, 2023 GM Meeting Minutes (3 mins)
- IV. Principal's Report: Dr. Ann Bonitatibus (15 mins)
- V. SGA Report: Rushil Umaretiya (10 mins)
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Nell Janardhan (5 mins)
- VII. Committee Reports (45 mins)
 - A. Academic Support - Haiyan Chen
 - B. ANGP/Senior Celebration - Mary Alice Heretick
 - C. College Outreach - Par Rachakonda
 - D. Diversity - Michele Hyde
 - E. Health and Wellness - Renee Rodriguez
 - F. Hospitality - Colleen Bucher
 - G. Nominating Committee - Tony Depew
- VIII. 2023-2024 Printed Directory Decision: Yvette Rivers (15 mins)
- IX. Unfinished Business (5 mins)
- X. New Business and Announcements (5 mins)
- XI. Adjournment

Call Meeting to Order - Yvette Rivers

- A quorum was determined to be present and the president called the meeting to order (@7:02).
- 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.
 - Please stay on mute and only speak when the chair recognizes or calls on you.

Agenda Adoption - Yvette Rivers

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

Approval of 3/16/23 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 2023-3-16 TJ PTSA GM Meeting Minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

Principal's Report - Dr. Ann Bonitatibus

- The past month was exciting
 - TJ Orchestra got two superior ratings from all judges
 - TJ students won scholastic art competition
 - TJ teams won two championships in academic challenges
 - 1st place in VA science and engineering fair
 - TJ National science Olympiad
 - 1st place in International women math olympiad
 - Dr. Gupta, a 1992 graduate, and Dr. Randolph, a 1995 graduate entered FCPS Hall of Fame
- Look ahead
 - Continue to prepare for Eid celebration
 - April is library month; next week is national library week
 - Next week is special week recognizing service staff
 - Teacher appreciation week will be in May
 - Celebration Next Friday
 - J-Day
 - SOL and AP testing
- Invitations to Class 2027 went out last week
 - Information evening on the coming Monday; PTSA is invited
- By mid May, course registration will be finalized; by end of May, staff hiring decisions will be finalized
- An interim counselor has started and will stay next year
- Found strong candidates for openings for teachers and an additional counselor
- Governor's school assessment last week
 - Once every 6 years
 - Curriculum, assessment, professional development, atmosphere, etc.
 - Dr. B will get a draft report in about 3 weeks, and a final report in the summer which will be shared with the public
 - Oral feedback: far exceeds the standard and model in other governor's schools in the following areas: engaging students, seeking out-of-school activities, intervention efforts, monitoring wellness of students, designing differentiated curriculum, providing opportunities for students to

explore research areas of interest, using critical thinking strategies to meet the needs of students, integrating curriculums, familiarizing the use of high quality of resources

SGA Report - Chinmay (VP)

- Student board representative election yesterday
- SGA officer election last week
- Class counsel election soon
- Successful talent show, great turnout
- SGA purchased \$3,000 worth of basketball tickets to provide free access for TJ students
- 20 from SGA will volunteer at 2027 information evening
- Plan to host events in teacher appreciation week
- Look to refurbish commons
- Will start planning homecoming
- PTSA will support J-Day (1:15-4pm on 5/26) with a DJ and inflatables; will look for volunteers; over 50 teams signed up to the basketball tournament; SGA will provide fundings to clubs to run activities to reduce costs to students
- Q: Time for J-Day: 1:15-4pm on 5/26.
- Q: How much money should a student bring for J-Day. Chinmay's response: "Last year, we recommended \$10-20 in small bills, however we assume that it will be less this year due to SGA subsidizing club activities. The recommended amount will be released with a J-Day packet after we get admin approval on the amount we are allowed to advertise."

Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget Revision - Nell Janardhan

- Exceeded revenue goals and stayed below expense goals. PTSA net income as of 4/10 is \$18K; estimated ending balance is \$21K
- ANGP net income as of 4/10 is \$34.8K;
- PTSA board has approved to move funding across categories which doesn't change the overall expenses

Committee Announcements: Committee Chairs

- **Academic Support (Yvette presented on Haiyan's behalf)**
 - Looking for 100 volunteers for the AP exam support, including proctoring exams, serving snacks, etc.; Will provide trainings to volunteers
- **ANGP (Mary Alice)**
 - 10:30pm 6/9 to 5am 6/10
 - Ticket: \$110; will go up to \$120; Provide reach out to Danielle Armstrong for financial assistance for ANGP
 - Need 200 volunteers
 - Raised more than \$50K so far;
 - 10-12 subcommittees
 - Fundraising (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
- **College outreach (Yvette presented on Par's behalf)**
 - Career panel by TJ Alumni on 4/25; registration link in PTSA newsletter
 - Senior panel with college application process (in person)
- **Diversity (Michele)**
 - Events held so far: Hispanic Heritage, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Holi
 - Upcoming event: Eid al fitr (4/28)
 - Holi Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BjRVW9duWCNkLdWJ6>
 - Volunteer for Eid: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4FA9A629A13-eidalfitr>

- Donate to Eid:
<https://tjptsamembershiptoolkit.com/store/product/30-DIVERSITY-COMMITTEE-FUND>
- **Hospitality (Colleen)**
 - Teacher appreciation week - smallest tokens of appreciation to teachers is welcome; will share resources in Hospitality newsletter
 - Teacher appreciation luncheon 5/24; signup for volunteering will be made available
- **Health and Wellness (Renee)**
 - Stress Less, Laugh More event next week
 - Sign making party next week for start of APs
 - Senior parent panel on ways to support students mentally on 5/9
- **Nomination Committee (Tony Depew)**
 - Read the Nominating Committee Report
 - Conducted interviews with candidates
 - Nominating Committee Candidates: President: Nell Janardhan; 1st VP: Karen Monaco; 2nd VP: Julia Li; 3rd VP: Ye "Maggie" Li; Treasurer: Seema Lohia Singh; Secretary: Mary Paul
 - Floor nominating process is forthcoming
 - Election will take place on 5/25

Printed Directory Recommendation for 2023-2024: Yvette Rivers

- Went through Printed Directory presentation again in case anyone missed last time and also to make sure the factors are fresh in everyone's minds
- The reason we are discussing and deciding on this now is that the company that we contract for the printing of this directory has asked the President to sign the contract now for next year, so this is our way of getting membership input before making that decision
- 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/guardians 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.
- On behalf of the TJPTSA Board, 2nd VP moved that the PTSA will only publish an online student directory for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Christina Collins: I'm a senior student's parent. In favor of printed directory. It's handy. Willing to pay more for it. Love the feature to allow finding people by zip codes. There might be ways to streamline the process.
- The Board's motion passed with 15 in favor, 11 opposed, and 4 abstaining.

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business and Announcements

- N/A

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned @8:19 pm

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

Minutes Approved as _____ Presented or _____ Amended on ____Month xx, 2023____