

TAGAC April 12, 2017 General Meeting

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## **I Call to Order and Preliminaries**

1. Call for agenda items
  - a. Question - TAG parents having trouble connecting with each other at school. Can we get some guidance, in writing, about how families get communication from the school and what opt-in procedures are?
    - i. Everyone does different things
    - ii. Send out announcement in the PTA newsletter telling TAG parents they can opt in to an email group or newsletter with news
    - iii. TAG meeting at the beginning of the year and ask for physical sign-up opt-in for school TAG newsletter
    - iv. Question - is it legal/ok for the TAG coordinator to blind carbon copy (BCC) the TAG parents at a school in order to distribute information?
      1. In past, the coordinator position did not have communicate with TAG families. Andrew will look into:
        - a. Make it clear that this is ok
        - b. Recruit a TAG "room parent" for the school
    - v. Consensus is that you have to snowball from multiple channels with useful info so that people will opt-in.
    - vi. Question - can there be an opt in when ID'd for opting into groups with other TAG families within school? Andrew will consider it.
      1. Right now, it is a letter with links within it.
      2. TO DO: Look at Mark's website to see if there is a way to leverage this to a single link in next years' letter
2. Meeting Minutes from March - Motion and 2nd to approve
3. Call for New Officers
  - a. Iroz-Elardo is stepping down
  - b. Need someone for co-chair - pretty open and flexible, but would be nice to
    - i. Come to meetings
    - ii. Admin stuff (with chair) for agenda, meeting rooms, talking to Andrew, meeting reminders
    - iii. Spearhead recommendations
    - iv. Talk to the board if you want (but others can/will fill in)
    - v. Recruit members, outreach to PTA meetings,
  - c. (Aside - group that came before TAGAC was created had a monthly lunch meeting w/ Board, Admin, Super, etc. Might be nice to revive)
4. Announcements
  - a. District TAG parent meeting is next Tuesday, 120 RSVPs thus far (!!)
  - b. Spelling Bee last week

- i. 40 kids participated
  - ii. Sending more to regional including all mid-level
- c. Last TAG OMSI is on April 24th and is the LEGO one
- d. Set for Saturday May 20th Science Fair - goal to have 50 kids this year. Joint effort with science TOSA. Sent 1,800 trifold boards to schools. Schools are using different methods to select 2-3 kids to send. Experts in the field from OMSI to be there.

## II Old Business (see handout).

1. TAG Parent Night - 120 RSVPs
  - a. Planned, should be good
  - b. Springboard into other things (for parents, maybe for students)
2. Status of this year's TAG testing
  - a. Moved away from Riverside doing so much of it. R&E were as fast as they could be, and it has gone well.
    - i. Question, when was 2nd grade testing done? After dealing with makeups, 90% done by Nov 15th. R&E started running data after that. Still room for more efficiencies
    - ii. SBAC ID comes out in Fall from previous spring.
      1. Note that this year, more ACCESS letters went out because SBAC data from Spring 2016 was used.
      2. Note that TAG numbers are going out and it is almost at 7K. (including potential)
        - a. Are those identified? Or just with a 95% above score?
          - i. If you are in synergy, then a team has met and a parent has to sign due to state law, and you are identified.
          - ii. Kids who don't get an ID finalized, TOSAs are following up and asking TAG "Johnny has a 95% SBAC but hasn't been nominated/ID'd/etc - what are you doing about it?"
3. Possibility of future TAG Summer programs
  - a. OATAG has board member that used to run OSU's summer TAG program
  - b. Talked about NYC program for math that targets historically underserved (<https://www.beammath.org/students-and-parents/>)
    - i. Action Item: Explore possibility of partnership/raising funds/ market that sliding scale
      1. Note that Saturday Academy TAG camp does exist and is on a sliding scale; could partner with them
        - a. But, it is not setup for nurturing historically underserved, or for TAG potential students
    - ii. Love the idea of a day camp in underserved area of the city
      1. Notion of doing it to sell the idea that you are a scholar

2. Do it on a college campus
    3. Would SEI be interested?
    4. Old regional talent search in PNW and JH Center from Talented and Gifted used to have local events
    5. The north portland math camp
  - c. Ed Camp (Gates funded thing) grant idea
  - d. Concerns about funding - PPS would be convenor
4. Budget
  - a. \$18 million shortfall if state doesn't do anything
  - b. The budget for TAG wasn't targeted, but staff was targeted (TOSA and data clerk). Andrew and Chris argued to keep it. Right now, it is ok in the Super budget.
5. Division 22
  - a. Self-report Out of compliance, what is the next step
  - b. Andrew spoke to Angela earlier this spring. One of the ways to get back in compliance is professional development (PD), but PD has struggled with snow days. Nobody wants them in the building because staff time is so short. Will ask for an extension in Sept, but may not get it done.
  - c. Andrew Johnson got in front of 100 admins last month. Got to talk about rate, level, OAR, resources, systematic tools. Good feedback.
    - i. Margaret would like to go in the future. OATAG is interested in ways to systematized admin training.
  - d. Still looking for a central hub for submitting/sharing resources/etc. Open-middle (<http://www.openmiddle.com>) for math. Canvas (<https://www.canvaslms.com/k-12/>) Google classrooms. It is labor intensive to build, so trying to figure out how to do this efficiently.
    - i. WAETAG (<http://www.waetag.net>) example - Margaret to connect with Andrew.
6. Proposed Continuum of Services
  - a. No more formal conversation. Probably because budget is in flux. So Andrew is continuing to move forward.
    - i. Did go to West Sylvan and talked about a possibility of a decentralized ACCESS module. Will continue to have those convos as able. Chris is having those convos too.
    - ii. Office of School Performance has a consultant who has a framework that Andrew was asked to fill out. Presumably going back to Antonio.
  - b. Have we heard anything about ACCESS sites for 2018-19? Nothing.