

## **February 25, 2026 PTA General meeting**

Location - Room 441 and virtual

Time: 6:00 p.m.

### **1. PTA Member Introductions**

Donnette Lyttle, Co-President called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and introduced the PTA Executive Board: Monica Barretto Co-President, Alyceson Reyman, Vice-President, Roxana Struss, Treasurer, Marisa John, Co-Secretary, and Helen Lai, Co-Secretary. Ms. Shakeara Knowlin, Parent Coordinator and Principal Gagstetter were also in attendance. Donnette Lyttle asked the parents about the Snow Day on 2/23/26 and school reopening 2/24/26, and how they felt about virtual learning vs. in-person attendance during inclement weather. Some parents stated that they didn't send their kids to school on 2/24 because it was still dangerous conditions with the snow and would have preferred schools to be closed. The mayor did approve a 2-hour delay for students arriving late on 2/24/26. Some parents did not agree with a virtual learning day option because it would be a hardship for some students without technology (laptops etc.) and other parents preferred a virtual learning day option.

### **2. Review of PTA Mission & Vision**

The PTA's mission statement and our vision for providing support to Talented Unlimited High School's community of students, teachers, and parents were presented.

### **3. Review of last meeting minutes: 1/14/26**

The last PTA meeting was held on 1/14/26 and the minutes were shared via attachment. Donnette Lyttle made a motion to approve the minutes and Marisa John seconded the motion.

### **4. Budget Update**

Roxana Struss, Treasurer, shared the current budget update: \$13, 717.49 on hand as of 1/31/26; \$373 was collected for membership dues and snack sales. \$777.16 was spent on buying snacks for sales, feeding students for 2 performances, teacher support, and administrative fees for website payments.

### **5. Spring Gala "Where Stars are Born"**

Our First Annual TUHS Spring Gala will be held at TU on 5/7/26 at 6pm. Support is still needed in the areas of event planning, food, silent auction items, music, decorations, and set-up. We have a Gala Committee that meets bi-weekly Tuesdays at 8pm, and more volunteers are welcome (sign-up link provided). If anyone has a friend/family member/organization that can donate experiences, excursions, restaurant food, silent auction items, gift certificates, etc., please reach out to the PTA. Early bird tickets will be available next month and there is a dedicated page on the PTA website for Gala updates and ticket purchases.

### **6. PTA Community Resources Page**

The PTA Community Resource page has information on opportunities for internships, volunteering, networking, educational and extracurricular activities, and summer programs that will benefit our students.

## **7. Principal's Report**

Mr. Gagstetter reminded parents that that Jupiter Ed is up and running to check on student's attendance, assignments, and grades. Anyone that is having issues with the login or accessing Jupiter can contact Ms. Knowlin or Mr. Gagstetter. The Black History Showcase will be held on 2/27/26 and all parents and families are welcome to attend this free event to celebrate the contributions of African Americans. Mr. G. shared that the dance and drama majors were invited to perform for the school chancellor's office last week but the drama majors were restricted from performing their poem honoring Emmitt Till. The students supported the drama majors and spoke up at the performance about the poem and standing up for injustice. The drama students will be given an opportunity to perform the poem at the Black History Showcase and the Chancellor will be in attendance. TU is hosting the NYSSMA Spring Festival 3/13 – 3/14 and parent/student volunteers will be needed to assist in registration and guiding the performers through the school. Upcoming school performances will also be held for vocal and drama next month.

**Q& A:** A parent stated that she was unaware that the school did not have textbooks for Geometry and was dissatisfied with this issue. Mr. Gagstetter informed the parent that this was a directive from NYC Board of Education and online resources were being used for those classes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm – Next PTA meeting will be on 3/25/26 at 6pm

### **Upcoming PTA meetings**

3/25/26, 4/22/26, 5/20/26, 6/17/26