

**PS 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2015 at 7:05pm**

**Officers Present: Elena Aminova (President), Nancy Baxter (Co-President), Shinya Matsuta (Vice President),  
Beatrice Grosu (Co-Vice President), Henny Maddox (Treasurer), Hillary Kahn (Corresponding  
Secretary), Daniella Lednicer (Recording Secretary)**

• **Welcome Parents/Board Member Introductions**

• **Programs funded by the PA**

- Guggenheim Museum Residency — 4th Grade  
    \$7.5K provided by the PA, \$2.5K provided by the school
- Marquise Studios — 1st and 3rd Grade
  - 1st Grade-Puppetry workshop and end-of-the-year performance
  - 3rd Grade — African Marketplace
  - \$10K from PA
- Thinking Maps

• **Cool Culture**

Only available to Pre-K and Kindergarten; loaner passes available for upper grades; Applications were given out on 9/17; need to be returned by 9/24

• **Donations**

Parents were reminded to send back envelopes, suggested minimum \$50

• **Treasurer's Report — Henny Maddox reviewed**

- Goal of \$5K in donations
- Fundraising for the 2015-2016 School Year: Plant Sale, Cherrydale Candy Sale, Little Passports, Halloween Party, Movie Night, Bake Sales; Pen & Ink Advertising sales

• **Fundraisers — Julia Veksenfeld spoke at length**

- Cherrydale Candy Sale: (2) volunteers needed to collect, count money and distribute the catalog to each classroom
  - Help can be in the morning or at dismissal
  - Items from the Cherrydale catalog can be purchased online
  - Up to 40% of the proceeds can go back to the school, depending on amount sold
- Box Tops for Education: Box Tops labels appear on certain brands of consumer goods; parents and students encouraged to buy these goods, clip the Box Top labels and bring them into school in a Ziploc bag; school gets 10¢ for every Box Top collected

• **Class Parents**

Sign up list passed around; parents volunteer to be a liaison between teacher and other parents in their child's class

• **Halloween Party**

Volunteers needed to help with setup and cleanup, soliciting donations, goods and services

• **Thinking Cap After School Program**

- Program Coordinators Karen and Adam addressed parents' questions and concerns
- In response to issues with Homework Help (incomplete/incorrect homework, etc) a Homework Checklist has been included, wherein teachers and students confirm that homework has been completed properly
- Karen repeated her e-mail address and encouraged parents to contact her and continue to provide feedback
- 5 new classrooms have been provided by Principal Cooper
- 2-class minimum — those wanting to sign up for one day a week only should speak to Karen individually

• **Upcoming Speakers at future PA meetings**

Principal Surachi from Halsey Middle School, Representative of New York's 529 College Savings Plan, others TBA

**8:10 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED**