

# PS 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016 at 7:05pm

**Officers Present: Elena Aminova (President), Beatrice Grosu (Vice President), Lana Eliyahu (Treasurer), Daniella Lednicer (Recording Secretary) Hillary Kahn (Corresponding Secretary)**

## • Last Meeting's Minutes Accepted

Open Positions for next year's PA Board Announced

## • SLT Recap

**Open Court** — removed because not focus on reading comprehension, look at what other schools (PS 196, PS 303) do for ELA.

Ms. Satcowicz communicates reading levels, can PA help w/Paraprofessionals to assist? Cost is \$75

**NY Pops** — 1st Grader on Thursdays; April-June Marquis Studio might interfere with testing; Principal Cooper said they could work around testing

**3rd Grade** — Robotics

**Enrichment Test Prep** — 2:30pm -4:30, currently underway

**3D Printing** — held after school every Thursday

## • Treasurer's Report - Review

**Gains**

\$50 in donations

\$42.50 from Amazon Website commissions

\$453 from After School Program

We currently have \$14K+ After School Budget

**Expenditures**

\$3K spent for 5th Grade Broadway Show

## • Unsecured Doors/Exists

A representative from the After School Program comes upstairs each day, to confirm students' absences

Younger students can be dismissed to the After school Program accompanied by a third grader

**One Door In, One door out:** Only one entrance/exit is used to bring students to and from the After School Program

**Open door issue** — During school release time (a religious after school program occurring off-site every Wednesday), an employee with the program hadn't shut the door in the back of the auditorium, it was reported and shut immediately, without incident

## • Additional Issues

**TAG teacher left,** grades 3,4 and 5 looking for a replacement

**Recess** — NY Parks Department claim that all gates around the playground will need to be replaced in order to be secured

**Library** — notification will go out to parents to volunteer with NY Cares to re-stack shelves

**Auditorium** — looking to replace broken seats and purchase stage lights

**Gymnasium** — plans underway to resurface the floor and repair ceiling

**Cafeteria** — will stay intact in order to keep moveable seats and tables

## • Head Lice

According to School Nurse, one incident of head lice was reported in a second grade class. Per DOE policy, a notice was sent home with students from the affected class only:

Info sheet distributed at PA meeting; cannot be sent home in red folder but can be posted on PA website and Facebook page

## • Upcoming Events

Date set for Pajama Move Night: Sunday March 20th

## • After School Program

Director Karen Song out on maternity leave; Assistant Director Adam present at the school every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Suggestion to compare notes with other schools that use Thinking Caps After School Program

Form an official After School Committee to monitor and make any necessary improvements

## • Miscellaneous

**Pen & Ink** — Still need more parent volunteers

More parent involvement needed overall - suggest to create a pamphlet explaining to parents the function of the PA and request for more contributions (volunteering, donations, etc)

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