

# PS 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016 at 7:10 pm

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

- **Last Meeting's Minutes Accepted**

Open Positions for next year's PA Board Announced

- **SLT Recap**

**Air Conditioning**

- PS 175 won a "Stay Cool In School" grant to upgrade/provide via Participatory Budget vote; re-wiring completion date TBD
- Is it feasible to run a Thinking Caps summer camp with no Air Conditioning?
- School Superintendent Mabel Sarduy not returning phone calls regarding wiring deadline

**Comprehensive Education Plan**

- Need to set clear, concrete goals that meet State Standards for next year's CEP

**TAG Program**

- Hope to be reinstated next year (2017-2018)

- **Treasurer's Report - TBA**

- **International Food Festival**

A multicultural fundraising event to help raise money for the PA and celebrate the diversity of PS 175; Still need volunteers and additional ticket sales

- **Additional Programs**

**LEGO® "Bricks For Kids" program**

- Every Thursday, \$200/hr, very enthusiastic reception from students/parents

**Marquis Studios**

- Puppet Theater for First Grade, African Market for Fourth Grade — To Begin in April, will not interfere with testing

- **After School Program**

- Some parents prefer Central Queens Y to Thinking Caps After School Program
- Other parents cited advantages to Thinking Caps program: improved adult-to-child ratio; more effective Homework Help
- Expressed a desire for an added science program component to Thinking Caps program
- Engineering For Kids — affordability is an issue at this time

- **Miscellaneous**

Upcoming Exams — no child will be left back if they do not pass; benchmark changed from last year

**8:00 P.M. MEETING ADJOURNED**