

# **P.S. 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes**

**June 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

Officers Present: Elena Aminova (PA President) Nancy Baxter (PA Co-President), Shinya Mitsuta (Vice President), Beatrice Grosu (Co-Vice President), Lana Eliyahu (PA Treasurer), Ricky Cheng (SLT) Hillary Kahn (PA Corresponding Secretary), Daniella Lednicer (PA Recording Secretary), Darryl Chu (SLT), Naina Hathiramani (SLT)

- **6:30 PM - Finance Meeting Held Before PA Meeting**

- PA to eliminate funding for Guggenheim Residency and Marquise Studios -- not popular enough. PA also voted to spend \$800 on Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

- **Last Meeting's Minutes Approved**

- **Treasurer's Report**

Fundraisers

- Principal Cooper volunteered to run Mother's Day Plant Sale if no one steps up
- Lana Volunteered to be Box Top coordinator
- Pen & Ink - in the red; voted to dissolve. A suggestion was made to produce in digital (PDF) format. Voted to leave for now, to revisit in September
- PA to fund Pizza Party for i-Ready Contest winners in the interest of replacing movies as an incentive
- 501c Status has been reinstated, we no longer owe any back taxes
- Need new CPA/Accountant, possibly reach out to previous applicants to the Treasurer position
- \$3,500 currently in the PA account, suggested to increase donation request from \$50 to \$175 (as in PS 175)
- Suggested that contributors of a certain amount be honored with a plaque at the school
- Lana reviewed budget for next year, budget approved

- **After school Program**

Drama and Bricks for Kids moved to the "Thinking Caps" After School Program; also added cooking and robotics; \$5K will be donated to Thinking Caps for these new programs

Mitch from Bricks for Kids spoke at length about the program

PA to work with Thinking Cap to secure a new permit and extend After School to 7pm (ETA: Program has officially been extended)

Early Bird registration begins Monday, June 13; prices will be kept at the current rate

Lana Eliyahu and Nancy Baxter volunteered to be on After School Committee

- **Teacher Appreciation/End of Year School Activities**

Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony was discussed

Sue Arroyo spoke at length about 5th Grade Graduation and Commencement activities

Each Kindergarten received \$100 per teacher

PA Board invited to attend 5th Grade Graduation

- **Budget Committee/Fundraising Suggestions**

Halloween Party: start preparing letters and asking for donations towards end of summer

Beatrice Grosu volunteered to chair the Halloween Party Committee with one other person

Need someone to chair the Cherrydale Fundraising Committee

- **Board Elections**

Candidates introduced themselves, officers for the 2016-2017 School Year are as follows:

PA Board:

PA President: Darryl Chu, Alex Ribiev PA Vice President: Shinya Mitsuda, Beatrice Grosu

PA Treasurer -- Lana Eliyahu Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Daniella Lednicer

SLT Parents:

Alex Ribiev, Darryl Chu, Shinya Mitsuda, Hillary Kahn, Svetlana Lipyanskaya, Catherine Leopando, Diana Cheng, Lana Eliyahu

- **Principal's Report**

Class changes: 7 kindergartens, 1 additional 1st Grade, Grades 2-5 remain the same. We will be losing the Science room due to this change, therefore science will be held in the library

Performing Arts Cluster: Music, Council for Economics Education will continue, trying for Band, Grades 3-5 to have an enrichment program two days a week

2 computer labs

English Language Learners -- integrated co-teachers provide a 60:40 ratio

Phonics is out, due to lack of funding

Library - tech cart and printers were delivered on 6/6; bok cases are complete and smart board installed

Inside Broadway and Education Through Music are staying; trying for dance

School still has \$2.5K for electrical wiring; project is being held up by SCA

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM**