

P.S. 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016 at 7:05 pm

Officers Present: Darryl Chu (PA President) Alex Ribiev (PA Co-President), Shinya Mitsuta (Vice President), Beatrice Grosu (Co-Vice President), Lana Eliyahu (PA Treasurer), Daniella Lednicer (PA Corresponding/Recording Secretary), Catherine Leopando (SLT,) Hillary Kahn (SLT)

• After school Program

Thinking Caps After School Program Coordinator Adam Esparza hosted Q&A Session
Explained routine of After School Program; Snacks, Homework Help from 3:45-5:15 pm, Activity when child finishes homework, Certified Teachers from P.S. 175 assist with Homework Help
Pickup time 6 p.m., \$1/minute overtime charge
ID required for pickup – a parent raised the issue that a child had left without being signed out (one-time occurrence); similar issue was raised regarding kindergarten pickup
Payment and refunds were discussed

• NY Life Child ID Program

Adam and Victoria from New York Life Insurance discussed in detail
Free, voluntary program to help parents keep track of their children's whereabouts during school hours
Provides ID card for each child, with vital statistics and personal information, to be used as an extra security measure on field trips, during emergencies, etc.
Plan to set up with Principal Cooper, children will go by class to provide information for ID cards
ID consent form to be mailed out; parents advised to look out for it in their child's red folder

• Programs for the 2016-2017 School Year

Confirmed

New York Pops — Principal Cooper and PS 175 won an award for participation in program
Band — open to 4th and 5th Grade, Taught by Mark Viavattine, instruments offered will be brass and woodwind
Jazz At Lincoln Center — Open to 4th Grade
Education Through Music — Taught by Valerie Sciarra
Cookshop
Ballroom Dancing — Open to 5th Grade; students participate in competitions at end of school year
CASA — Open to 3rd and 4th Grades, Taught by Ms. Lyons and Ms. Shapiro
3-D Printing, Coding and Robotics — Open to 3rd Grade, taught by Ms. Feldman and Ms. Pongratz

To Be Determined

Inside Broadway; The Writing Project
Talented And Gifted program — need to hire a new teacher; program must be called "Enrichment"

Cancelled

Guggenheim Residency and Marquis Studios — Due to lack of support and interest
Cool Culture — Due to loss of Title 1 Status (Parents are advised to fill out online School Lunch application in order for the school to qualify for Title 1 and other programs)

Academic and Arts Programs within the school:

"Art-On-A-Cart" (Ms. Lynn Hayes); "Science-On-A-Cart" (Ms. Jennifer Greene)
Ready Gen and GO Math still used in the classroom
Library/Media Center Renovation — Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held Thursday, September 22 (Parents asked to Contact Karen Koslowitz to thank her for helping with funds and support)

• Recess

Only 2 classes allowed outside at a time; gates need to be re-designed to be closed during recess — it was recommended that parents call 311 and/or the offices of Karen Koslowitz to re-design the gates for the big yard
Park is always open to the general public, since it belongs to NYC Parks Department, not the school

• Halloween Party

Date and time announced — Sunday, October 30, 3:30 – 6:30 pm. Volunteers needed; Beatrice Grosu will chair the event

• Open Forum

Additional issues were raised regarding Thinking Caps After School Program; will try to follow up at another PA meeting

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.