

**PS 175 Parents Association Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

**Officers Present: Darryl Chu (President), Alex Ribiev (Co-President), Shinya Mitsuta (Vice President), Beatrice Grosu (Vice President), Lana Eliyahu (Treasurer), Daniella Lednicer (Recording/Corresponding Secretary)**

**Minutes Accepted**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Fitness/Health Initiatives**

Phys Ed teacher Mr. Davis and Assistant Principal Milagros Dueño spoke at length about fitness initiatives at P.S. 175:

**Running Club**

- Started with 2nd and 4th grade last year, will now be open to grades 2-5
- Club will run Mon -Thur , 7-7:45 am, focus on healthy habits, getting kids to school on time, discipline and self-respect
- Last year students who were habitually late to school and who participated in the running club showed a significant decrease in tardiness
- This year, we will try to do a survey to assess any changes in school performance with those who participate in the Running Club

**Yoga**

- Certified Zumba and Yoga instructor Ms. Dueño is trying to implement Yoga in the classroom when gym/recess is not an option

**GoNoodle.com**

- Kids' website offering exercise and fitness routines
- Already implemented by some teachers during Mass Prep periods, can also be done after lunch if recess is canceled
- Students can log on at home as well

**Recess**

- Held during lunch; students have a combined 50 minutes for lunch and recess, weather permitting (temperature over 32°)
- Slightly shorter time period for Kindergarten, as students are slower during lunch
- If budget permits, 2 new school aides will be added
- Parents urged to call 311 and request new gates that can be closed during recess

**Lunch Applications**

Parents reminded to fill out lunch forms to see if P.S.175Q can receive Title 1 funding; issues were raised about filling out lunch forms on line; brief Q&A on how to work around these issues

**Safety**

- On October 19, at around 4:30 p.m., three high school students (not from our area) were being pursued by a violent mob and given asylum at P.S. 175Q. Police and EMS were notified, arrived to ensure the students' safety, and took their statements. During this time, the school was on lockdown — i.e. all doors, including the Main Entrance, were closed and locked.
- During this time, students at P.S. 175Q were completely unaware of any incident, and the After School program proceeded as usual.
- At 3:30 pm every day, all doors except the main entrance are closed and locked. During a lockdown, Main Entrance is also closed and locked while the Building Response Team does a sweep of the school.
- Safety Committee Meetings held on Wednesdays; dates are on the School Calendar — open to everyone
- Parents asked to dial 311 to request a crossing guard and speed bumps be placed at 65th Avenue

**Math Camp**

- Parent Coordinator Fran Sternberg spoke at length about Go Math Academy, a program to help students with Common Core learning standards.
- Cost is \$5 per family, notice will go home in red folders

**Child ID Program from New York Life**

We will attempt to arrange a time to register students before Thanksgiving

**Halloween Party**

Call for volunteers, tickets to be sold after the meeting

**8:10 pm Meeting Adjourned**