



November 1, 2018

September Minutes approved

### **Principal's report**

Halloween - 50% of 8th grade participated by wearing a costume. Pep Rally was fun. Characters of the quarter. 8th grade trip was good. New Marking Period ends 11/2/18. Grades posted 11/9. Next blast 11/7 will include instructions to sign up for teacher conferences. Encourage kids to come. Staff development 11/6 staff development, no school for students. Report cards going out

November 12 BOE Meeting will recognize students and also approve Amity Youth Survey, will include some questions on sexual behavior. This survey helps build curriculum to help prevent drug use etc. 7th, 9th & 11th grade will be surveyed which means there will be

11/5 faculty meeting.

5K 11/17 - Be Amity

Winter concert 12/6 6:30pm

New Superintendent starts in 2 weeks, she's touring schools today.

### **President's Report** Need Secretary! Bylaws-please look over, We need Staff support

Snowflake Dance and Family Game Night Proposed for 12/14/18 and 1/25/19 respectively. Free events hosted by the PTSO for students and families.

**Student's** DC Trip and School Activities - Watched movie on National Mall. Drew Pictures on who should have a monument but doesn't and wrote about it. Went on trip Bus 3 - broke down, missed Mount Vernon. Split museums feels like they were rushed. Zoe Fleischman - CAS Women's leadership panel- Female teachers - spoke about experiences in careers and what led them there.

Amir - Wishes he were still in 3rd grade, heavy work load. Monday-Tuesday seems to have the most homework. Academic success is really used to make up labs, tests, retesting. Kids are juggling help on the every other day academic success.

Increased work on all levels. Zoe feels it's a good bridge from 7 to 9th

**Faculty Reps** Begin auditioning for News Reel Cast for Morning Announcements 8th graders, on the PA system it has been Orie. If interested, they have to write a blurb as to why they should be a cast member.

1 group will be for the first half of the year, then the 2nd half of the year. Will be changing formats.

Lap Desks are being used and well received. Will email a picture so we can post

Nall - Pep Rally Costume Contest, Raffle Winners. Amazon gift Card & iTunes. All set for gift cards. 7th graders more active, 8th graders seem too cool. Musical Friday-Sunday. Student's can buy a \$5 ticket at lunch only. They can pay \$10 for a pre show slice of pizza. Selling tickets tomorrow 11/2/18 for next Friday's. Need help for tomorrow. Programs are printed in black & White or a color copy will be available for digital. Need Crowd Management, parental, for Friday Show

Be Amity 5K - 2 Families currently donating to, but hopes it raises a bit more so they can build a fund to help families in need. A portion will be used for Be Amity. DJ, Fun Run, food trucks. When speaking to food trucks say we will have a lot of people there, no commitment.

Super Hero Themed, please dress. Link in Dr D's has information for the 5K. Check if Woodbridge Fire Dept will help with hot dogs, burgers.

Would like 500 participants. No committee for celebrations. Need Parent Volunteers, students and are reaching out. Start is right out front for runners. Party in the back. East lawn, Side Parking lot will be used.

Youth Services question, when are dates decided. Dates are on the school website calendar. All district things are also on the website.

7th grade, Global Issues March 5th or 7th. Great event!

Nature's classroom - price has gone up can they do a fundraiser to offset the cost? April 8-12 can parents have a payment plan? Camp director comes to meet the kids 1 month in advance.

With most of the staff most of the week. Not in color teams so they get to mix. Once you pay the trip there are no other costs. Nall is expecting but may not be able to attend Nature's Classroom. Justin Timberlake announced it at a Boston concert.

### **Youth Services**

Please continue pushing our events through the pto site, they are seeing increased participation. iPhone classes went over well. Halloween party, up 50% from last year. High school has a community service text alert and the High Schoolers came to volunteer and took it seriously. Kindness Klub rescheduled 11/15- soothing stones, paint messages for Smilo Center and they can take one or leave one. Wounded Warrior, Kris Edwards knows someone involved with Wounded Warrior, Skikorsky has a group for Wounded Warrior.

Proposed by Nall - Self Defense for girls? Girls only, we can also have a separate workshop for boys.

**Treasurer** AW& SP everything Dance program, go through climate committee to try and coordinate with them

### **Fundraising** Book Fair, Yankee Candle

**Amity Wear** - Maybe we need to move to back to every month ordering. Parents not happy.

Going to order hoodies to have on hand for conference night 11/14 5-7:30, 11/29 5-7:30 12/5 12:45-3:15

**Hospitality** - Kris Edwards, what people like to eat. Amy and Kostoula will be taking the next meeting. Going seasonal. Staff like this better. Saving money out of School budget.

Gift for teachers for dec. what do we do? Dr. D says he struggles with appreciation gifts. Amy Dec 3 festive teacher meeting. Candy apple with a thank you note.

### **Actions**

Order Hoodies

Complete Book Fair Planning and Tasks

Obtain permission from Climate Committee regarding Zonda Dance Performance, Follow up with Zonda Performers

Follow up with Self Defense program