

Amity Middle School Bethany PTO

PTO Meeting Notes

10/26/17

Officers

- Co-Presidents: Jessica Artemchuk & Melissa Federico
- Secretary: Missy Olive
- Treasurer: Penny Zamkov
- Fundraising: Veronica Wilkins & Jennifer Schmidthe
- Directory: Laura Sexton & PENDING
- Hospitality: Penny Tambis & PENDING
- Amity Wear: Rigu Bonde & Lynn Gattinella
- Communications: Robert Sabia & PENDING

Attendance:

- See attendance sheet

Old Minutes

- September 2017 (shared on the drive; save to PTSO drive; then share to Exec Council for voting)
- October 2017 (Penny Z took notes; shared on the drive; save to PTSO drive then share to Exec Council for voting)

Principal's Report- Dr. D.

- Weekly report has a lot of information in it
- Narrative 4- Nov 14
 - This is going to be a great event
 - Can we send out extra information about what it is
- Interesting Trip
 - China trip!
 - First trip since 2012!!
 - 18 parents expressed interest

- Meeting next Thursday
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- Instructional Rounds
 - Teachers helping teachers
 - Building student engagement in the classroom
 - High school is doing this as well (focusing on higher order thinking and questions)
 - Great discussion
 - Orange
- 7 & 8 grade doing mile run
- Marking period Nov 1
 - No longer closing power school
 - Parents will receive an actual report card
- School Musical Nov 10 and Nov 11
- PE teacher coming back and long term sub ending on Nov 10
- Elementary school (6th graders) coming up to visit on Nov 13
- Career Day Nov 17th
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- Naviance Parent Workshop on Nov 6th
 - Student-Led Conference as an option
 - Naviance is a great tool to use for this
- Washington DC
 - Kids giving positive feedback on the trip
 - Parents feeling it was a great trip
 - Tweeting the pictures was helpful in allowing parents to keep up
 - The shirts....were helpful; are there other options that are more practical?
 - The shirts were helpful to find everyone

President's Report

Communication

- Is it possible to use the master email for sending PTSO only items? Yes.

Narrative 4

- Link in Dr. D email
- Link on Facebook group

Membership Moving to Sponsorship

- This has really taken off!
- Updates to the sponsorship form

- 13 \$100 sponsorships
- Directory is coming
- Not going to close this; please join if you are interested
- Students are really excited about Amity wear
- Magnets are also for sale

Collection for Hurricane Relief

- A second collection has taken place
- An organization is matching the funds
- Are the funds staying in CT

Picture Re-take

- Nov 6

Next Meetings

- Thursdays at 9am

Teacher Report

- No report tonight

Woodbridge Youth Services

- Spooktacular is Friday
- In need of toilet paper
- In need of volunteers
- Private school students are welcome
- Also sponsoring PTSO!

Committee Reports

Treasurer

- No formal report
- Amiy Wear is doing well!
- Life touch went really well

Fund Raising

- Book fair on Dec 11th- Take over the store

- at Barnes and Noble in Milford (8am until 8pm)
- All sales that day will be for AMSB! If we could sell \$10,000 we would get 20%!
- 40% of sales of cheesecake
- Gift wrapping
- Need volunteers
- We can have performances
- Ask ARHS to promote the book fair
- We can also gift wrap on other days
- Yankee Candles
 - Has brought in about \$1500
 - Paper orders had an issue with FedEx

Amity Wear

- Going well
- New items in for winter
- If you are getting a holiday order be sure to let us know so that we can keep the gifts quiet

Old Business

ByLaws

- The new bi-laws have been approved unanimously

Name Change to PTSO

- Officially changed!
- This matches the other schools within the district

Non-Profit Status

- We unanimously approved a move to a non-profit status

New Business

Yale Singers

- They are coming
- The cost is about \$1200
- About \$3.16 each
- We unanimously passed to support this given the current status of the account

Fabulous Friends

- We have historically financially supported this

- They are requesting less money than last year
- We unanimously supported this \$500
- AMSB to Fabulous Friends and Dr. D will place in their account