

PTO meeting 10/5/2017

Minutes from last meeting will be sent out to be approved at the next meeting
Welcome

Dr. D

- Staff report – Elisa L. is back from maternity leave
- Blurb for the week was sent out yesterday and most info is in there
- Collection for hurricane victims will be going around in the homeroom...hoping to collect ~\$300
- Partnered with the Rotary club for clothing drive.
- Friday, reports from smarter balance will be sent out.
 - Looking over data from star and smarter balance together. Teachers get a nice report that is broken down into content data to formulate goals for the kids. The data is current and effective on monitoring student goals
- Assembly this Friday – Be Amity
- Scott Driscoll for internet safety will be coming next week
- DC trip coming up for 8th graders and sleeping giant trip for 7th graders
- Instructional rounds
 - Small group of people going into classrooms and helping to improve instruction.
 - All staff this year.
 - More activity in the classrooms this year with teacher observing classrooms.
 - Goal is to have students work independently and learn leadership skills
 - Not for evaluating the teachers
 - More about the teachers who are doing the observing so they can learn from their peers and students
 - We are on the cutting edge on how all teachers and full districts are doing it

Presidents Report:

- Great feedback for amity wear and sponsorship
- Directory will be printed soon
- No one opted for directory and photo via Dr. D so we are all set
- Possibility of hosting a PTO meeting in the evening in addition to the morning meeting
- Utilize the directory listing to send emails/reminders to PTO members
- Send Venmo link and sponsorship to teachers

Amity Wear

- Ongoing monthly
- There will be additions to current selection
- May want to identify latest time to order for holiday time

Sponsorship

- 100 level (sweatshirt, sweatpants and cinch bag) at cost. Best Deal!

- Most people did not realize that
- Form will be revised to reflect the specific information

Treasurer

- Please use the google forms for reimbursement - <https://goo.gl/forms/U5bvO4oRj16ZuWjv1>
- Send receipts for reimbursement to amsbptso@gmail.com
- Budget will be done for next meeting
- Great turnout for sponsorship and venmo was a hit.

Fundraising

- Yankee Candle
 - Did well
 - Link ends in January...we should make a push for the holiday season
 - Delivered right to your door
 - Will send Dr. D the blurb!
- Needs idea for fundraisers around the holiday
 - Fundraiser for the kids ...boo grams – valentines day
 - Possible Be Amity Magnets, where kids can purchase, write a nice saying on it for a friend and it would be placed on their lockers (sold during lunch)
 - Have parents buy the first round of these to promote (dedicated for honor roll, be amity winners, etc)
 - Amity pins –
- Book Fair
 - Barnes and Noble in Milford will host
 - Kids can perform (poetry, etc)
 - Would like it to be after narrative four...waiting for date
 - Would get teachers wish list
 - Flyers on chairs at winter concert on Dec 7 to advertise
 - Possibly a weekend to accommodate busy schedules

Hospitality

- Back to school night was good
- Advise for next year ...the table to wrap around the corner of the office
- Make it social and welcoming
- Custodian appreciation day this Monday...they brought in Zois...they loved it!

Narrative Four – Mrs. Ortiz

- The goal of the org, is to improve empathy. They use the core methodology called “the story exchange” Sometimes they will bring in people with different sides of a story. Connecting improves empathy. You tell your story to a partner, and they in turn tell your story to the group...you have made a connection and the hope is that you will then enact some community change.

- Running a 2-part event
- Nov 14 – night 1 – 6:30-8:30
 - what is narrative four
 - guests to attend...president of the org, the bass guitarist of maroon five (on DL) Lee Kelock.
 - Families coming together for entertainment
 - Mingling – go outside of your comfort zone
 - Model a story exchange
 - To get families to sign up for Dec 14
- Dec 14 – 6-9
 - Families come back and participate in the exchange

Youth services – Cindy

- Back to school bash...went well...raffled off a generic go pro and raised money for hurricane victims
- Halloween Custom party – Friday, October 27 – 7-9:30pm – center gym
- iPhone photography 1 class – November 8th...1st 10 students to sign up will attend
 - Bus to and from (no late bus)
 - Apple store
 - Walking tour through Yale
 - Flash drive with edited pictures
- Working on cooking sessions...thinking that it might be a monthly cooking club instead.
- Any suggestions, see Cindy

New business

- Requests to be voted on
 - Chamber singers to take a bus to sing for senior citizens \$250-300
 - So few students
 - Possibility of senior center bus
 - Possibility of doing it after school or in the evening and parents drive (like the HS)
 - Dr.D said he could cover it.
 - Voted - no
 - Donation of amity wear to Halloween party in Orange for an elementary school
 - If we do it for one school, we will have to do it for all
 - If extra's could donate
 - voted - no
 - Woodbridge library asked us for \$250 to sponsor a golf hole
 - Not for all students
 - Only Woodbridge
 - Voted no

Adjourned 10:20am