

PTA Minutes May 17, 2023

The general meeting of the Accomsett Middle School PTA, was called to order at 10:10 am in classroom #365 (art room).

In attendance: Danielle Chisari, Gina Kandrach, Suzanne Arbia, Michelle Laurino, Jennifer Luikart, Mr. McNeil, Mrs. Donahue + 9 others (16 total in attendance).

Principal's Report: Mr. McNeil

- The incoming 6th graders visited AMS on May 8 & May 9 to see the building up and running during a school day. The parents attended orientation on May 10, and had the opportunity to ask questions to current 8th graders and then took a tour of the building.
- After a five-year hiatus, the friendship games are back.
- The 8th grade field trip to Adventure Park will be on May 31. The trip encourages team working skills.
- The 6th grade field trip to Sunken Meadow marsh will be on May 31. Students will learn the ecology of the region.
- The Spring concert season was kicked off this week. Mr. Concessi's 6-8th grade orchestra was on Monday, May 15. Mr. Arsenicos 6th and 7th grade band was on May 17. Mr. Hackers brass ensemble and grade 6 will be at 7pm on May 22. The jazz ensemble and grade 8, will be performing at 8pm on May 22. Ms. Brosnan 6-8 grade chorus and select chorus will perform on May 24.
- This week is law enforcement appreciation week country wide. The schools in the district are all doing different things to show their support. We encourage everyone to wear blue on Friday, May 19. A K9 Unit is coming to do a presentation to the 6th graders on May 18.
- The 6th grade competition will be on June 9 from 1-2:30 at the MS athletic fields. This is a student only event where they can participate in obstacle courses, tug of war, volleyball, bucket brigade and more. The cost is \$10 per student and can be handed in to your students ELA teacher via cash or check.
- Field testing will be this Friday, May 19, where students practice taking exams on their chrome books. 6th graders will be practicing math and the 8th graders will be practicing science.
- On June 2, the 7th & 8th grade band, 8th grade chorus and select chorus will be performing for adjudication at the 2023 LI Music Festival at SCCC, Brentwood campus, followed by a fun afternoon at Adventureland.
- The June finals schedule is out along with the transportation calendar.
- June testing calendar link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_XFrVxVzXvKR7tyhLzVkE-H6XTOOMISjpnk2XSuUOfY/edit
- June Transportation Schedule link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-pPEkm1obl_RW1c77HvV9Q0SjH4DnTKxsmg954Onw4s/edit
- The AMS Drama Club's production of Disney's "Newsies Jr." was a big hit. Produced and directed by Drama Club director and advisor Ms. Shekinah Brosnan. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students have been working tirelessly since February to put on the production of the three shows that took place on May 4-6th.
- Ms. LaParle who is an ENL teacher, was nominated to receive the torch award. This is given to teachers, by teachers. Mrs. Richardson who is a guidance counselor, was selected by the district to receive the SCOPE award.

Guest teachers: Ms. Colacino-8th grade math teacher reported the following:

- The 6th graders will be taking a math field test on Friday 5/19.
- Students who are currently taking prealgebra will be receiving summer assignments to complete and keep topics fresh in their minds.
- There is an 8th grade regents review academy for June exams before and after school. Different topics are covered on various days, to provide extra help.

ELA instructional specialist Ms. Agostino reported the following:

- The 6th graders will receive a presentation by the Smithtown library pertaining to the summer reading program. They will be reading The Miracle Worker in their ELA classes.
- 7th graders will be reading Crossover and Hello Universe.
- 8th graders read Night and will be doing a comedy unit next.
- 6, 7 and 8th graders will be taking the Spring version of the STAR exam on June 22.
- Review sheets for the final exams will be available the first week of June.

Treasurer's Report: Gina Kandrach

- The current balance is \$28,325.00
- Spiritwear sales have increased over the past few weeks from an influx of sales (\$1,700) during Newsie's, 6th grade parent orientation and the spring concerts.
- Popcorn Friday's have grossed \$1,600 over the course of the school year thus far.
- We received the final check from Amazon Smile, in the amount of \$213.

President's Report: Danielle Chisari

- There are limited quantities of yearbooks available for sale.
<https://accompsettms.memberhub.com/store/items/850093>
- Preorders of the 8th grade graduation lawn signs are available for purchase until May 19.
<https://accompsettms.memberhub.com/store/items/854507>
- The 8th Grade Dance is scheduled for Friday, June 9th from 7-9:30. The theme is walk the red carpet. During the week of June 5th, tickets will be available for purchase in person during lunch periods for \$10. Currently, tickets are available for sale on Memberhub at:
<https://accompsettms.memberhub.com/store/items/855006>
- Walk into West HS will be on May 19 from 5-7pm for current 8th grade students. This will be a great opportunity for the incoming students to tour the building and see the various clubs offered. Spiritwear will be available for sale, which can be purchased via cash, check, CC and Venmo. Sign up is required to attend this event at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEE0uZoknpuoWqPJafjd-gO_sCX1Xv4PdIBuCT1oJsxtBV0g/viewform

Mr. McNeil sworn in the AMS PTA Executive Board members who were present for the 2023-2024 term of office. Alison Solimita, from the nominating committee announced the names.

President - Gina Kandrach

1st Vice President - Lisa Todaro

2nd Vice President - Jill Diemer

Treasurer - Jamie Anderson

Recording Secretary - Michelle Laurino

Corresponding Secretary - Kristin Seely

Council Delegate - Erica Dimmler

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 am

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