

PTA Minutes November 16, 2022

The general meeting of the Accomsett Middle School PTA, was called to order at 7:04pm at the library.

In attendance: Danielle Chisari, Gina Kandrach, Kristen Seely, Veronica Herzfeld, Suzanne Arbia, Michelle Laurino, Mr. McNeil, Mrs. Donahue (14 total in attendance).

Principal's Report: Mr. McNeil

- We have some unfortunate news to share about the recent passing of Mr. McNeil's secretary after a battle with cancer. Her spouse would like to set up a scholarship fund in her memory to one graduating student from each of the Smithtown High schools. The qualifications are being discussed and details to be worked out.
- The Battle of the Classes that last took place during the 2019- 2020 school year, will be back this year. Fun activities will be held during the school week. The event will take place on February 3. The band & chorus will be kicking it off and a DJ/MC will be hosting. Students participate in fun games and there will be a big trophy awarded to the grade that wins. The PTA will be working with Mr. McNeil, to iron out the details. Each grade to wear a different color (red, white or blue).
- Mr. Arsenicos led the band students, who marched during this year's Veteran's Day Parade, in St. James.
- The field trip for band and chorus will be held in June at Adventureland for the LI Music Festival. Performance adjudication, a judge's clinic, followed by an afternoon of fun.
- The AMS Brass Ensemble will be performing at The Charles Dicken's festival, to be held in Pt. Jefferson Village, on December 4.
- Winter concerts scheduled for December 7, 12, and 14 at 7pm & 8pm.
- On November 30, the select chorus will be singing in the Christmas Tree Lighting at Town Hall.
- Please note on the first quarter report card, there is a new attendance chart. Unexcused absences will be listed on it. You must provide a note, or have a parent call or email, for an excused absence to be counted. There is also a link to report an absence, listed on the daily bulletin.
- On November 23, AMS will be conducting an emergency drill and evacuate to SHSW. Those students who take the bus, will be released to the buses from there.
- Next school year, our district will have off the day before Thanksgiving.

Vice Principal's Report: Mrs. Donohue

- The 7th grade dance will be held on January 20 (7-9 TBD) we are in the early planning stages. The theme will be a winter ball. The FCCLA will be decorating and possibly be running the concession during the event.
-Suzanne inquired if tickets can be sold during 7th grade lunch period leading up to the dance.
- The Scholastic Book fair is coming to AMS the week of December 5. You can shop in person at the library all week and pay with cash, credit card & e-wallet.

Treasurer's Report: Gina Kandrach

- As of October closing, we have \$21,800.00 give or take.

- The PTA is selling Cool to Be Kind T-shirts and two styles of AMS spirit wear t-shirts for \$20 and a brand new Smithtown Bull for \$15 each.
- SPIRIT WEAR: Save 20% on every single item in the store and get free shipping on orders over \$75 during the Accomsett Middle School holiday sale. All orders placed in November are guaranteed delivery before the holidays or it's free. Current production times are less than 1 week. The link is as follows:
<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/NY/Smithtown/Accompsett%20Middle%20School>
- AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. You can opt to link AMS to become a supporter.
- The AMS PTA made a little over \$1,000 in their membership drive thus far. It's never too late to sign up.

Arts In Ed: The representative was absent. Danielle Chisari reported the following:

- Rohan Murphy is an American Paralympian, wrestler and motivational speaker that will be coming in to speak to the 8th graders.
- 7th graders will get a presentation from Star Labs.
- 6th graders will have an assembly with John Shoe.
- The Long Island Science Center is being looked into, as a 6th grade field trip.
- Theatre Three will be putting on a grade level appropriate production for the 7th grade students related to the Holocaust.
- 8th grade Science students will go to the DNA Learning Center in Cold Spring Harbor.
- Yearbooks will be on sale starting December 1. 8th graders, please start collecting pictures to submit (i.e. friend pictures, baby pictures, sports).

Miscellaneous:

- PNO ideas: Babylon Mercantile (group cooking classes), Plaster Funcraft offers private party rentals. PTA can bring in food/drinks and fit 30-40 people for a fixed price.
- Looking into having a donut Friday once in a while in lieu of popcorn Friday's and Philly Pretzel Factory, is another option.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm

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