

PTA Minutes March 8, 2023

The general meeting of the Accomsett Middle School PTA, was called to order at 7:03pm in the library. In attendance: Danielle Chisari, Gina Kandrach, Suzanne Arbia, Michelle Laurino, Mr. McNeil, Mrs. Donahue (12 total in attendance).

Principal's Report: Mr. McNeil

- The Smithtown Central School district recently launched their new and improved website; making it more user friendly and easier to navigate.
- Congratulations to AMS students Olivia Lipiec (6th grader) and 7th grader Priya Prabhu, who both advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee, to be held on Friday, March 24, at Half Hollow Hills High School East.
- Artwork by AMS students Dylan Pardini 7th grader & Giselle Cappuccio, 8th grader are being displayed at the LI Museum in Stony Brook.
- The 8th Grade field trip will be at Adventure Park.
- The 6th graders will be going to Sunken Meadow; funded by a grant through the NYS Parks.
- 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.
- Teacher for A Day will take place on March 31. Approximately 30 teachers volunteered.
- Math Fun Night will take place on March 14 at Smithtown HSW from 6-8pm (open to the community).
- April 14, is Spring Clean Up Day; students can help clean up the garden bed, mulch and weed. In addition, 4/14 is the end of quarter 2.
- Smithtown Elementary students will be coming over to tour AMS on May 8. Accomsett Elementary students will be walking over on May 9, for their tour. 8th graders will be present to take Q&A by incoming students. This will take place in the afternoon after elementary lunch.
- May 10 at 7:30, there will be a parent orientation for incoming middle school students for the 2023-24 school year.
- There will be an open house at the end of August for incoming 6th graders and new students.
- The AMS Drama Club is pleased to announce they will be performing a musical from Newsies Jr. on May 5th & 6th.
- 8th grade dance planning is in the works for Friday, June 9th. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Danielle Chisari at dchisari@gmail.com
- AMS is hosting the next Board of Education meeting on March 28th at 8pm. There will be a slideshow presentation of a video montage presented to the board and community; select students will be playing music. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Upcoming NYS Assessments will take place the first two periods of the day, then we will begin 1st period on a 2 hour delayed opening schedule starting at 9:50 on the following days:
 - April 19 & 20: ELA
 - May 2&3: Math
 - June 2: NYS 8th Grade Science Assessment
 - June 5: Science (written)
- The 8th grade moving up ceremony will be on June 22* at 9am, in the auditorium. (*edited from previous minutes, due to error)

VP Report: Mrs. Donahue

- Thank you to the PTA for all your support, the 7th grade dance was very successful. Out of the 168 students in the grade, there were 145 tickets sold.
- The Battle of the Classes was also a fun event, with around 225 students who participated.

Cultural Arts

- 6th graders will have an assembly with John Schu, a traveling librarian and writer.
- 7th graders will get a presentation from Star Labs on April 24 & April 25.
- Arts in Education: 8th graders will be at Cold Spring Harbor labs 3/14 & 3/15.
- Theatre Three will be putting on a grade level appropriate production for the 8th grade students related to the Holocaust on March 29.
- We are looking into a program with therapy dogs for 7th graders, for this school year.

President's Report: Danielle Chisari

- Ads and picture uploads due Friday, March 31, for the 8th grade yearbook.
- The Accomsett MS spring spiritwear sale begins this week. Check out the site featuring new products from Nike & Adidas. Don't miss the 25% off sitewide sale beginning March 13. <https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/NY/Smithtown/Accompsett%20Middle%20School>
- We are looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets during lunch periods the week of March 20th for a "teacher for a day" event. Sign up here: <http://www.amspta.com/content.asp?PageID=2>
- March 21 @7pm: A fashion show (by high school kids) will be held at Flowerfield. It's a fundraising event that supports the 12th graders and all are welcome to attend. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance for gift baskets and you don't have to be present to win.
- Final Forms for 7th & 8th grade spring sports are due on March 26.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon will take place on May 3rd. The sign up is available on the website at <http://www.amspta.com/content.asp?PageID=2> for donations of drinks and desserts. We are also looking for people who can help set up decorations.
- Nominating forms for the PTA executive board positions are out now. Please welcome our Nominating Committee. Alison Solomita (chairperson), Jennifer Luikart and Danielle Karmel. The link to help us decide our next Executive Board for the 2023/2024 School Year is as follows: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdk0te8WnoYT3l4f-gTJwJ7e2TpWzCxpe_Y1rSgc_F4ccEW9A/viewform
- The next SEPTA meeting will be on March 13 at 7pm at the NY Ave Administration building.
- Tuesday, March 28th, eat out at Cabo Fresh in Smithtown and a portion of your meal will be donated to Smithtown SEPTA.
- March 24 is AMS spirit day and popcorn Friday.
- March 20 is Family Connect Night.

Treasurer's Report: Gina Kandrach

- End of February closing, we have \$27,000 as the ending balance with nothing outstanding. For the Battle of the Classes event, total tickets purchased tallied \$2,000 and \$1,500 was the expenses for the event.
- The Amazon Smile program has officially ended. Thank you to those that supported AMS over the years with this program.
- Popcorn Friday's are doing well. The next one, will take place on March 24.

Green Team: Pamela Duryea

- On March 31, Lee Willimas is sponsoring Boces Little Fish program. Little Fish is about nitrogen pollution and water quality. Select elementary, middle and high schools students who volunteered will be collaborating together to participate. Dr. Secaur and public relations representatives will be present. This is a free community event.
- The students that volunteered will be participating in storm drain paintings at the elementary school on an upcoming date.

- Save the date for April 18th 5:30-7:30 for a community freecycling event at Smithtown High School East. Each club is tasked to come up with a theme of items that people accumulate (ex: dance costumes) and don't know what to do with. The clubs will be collecting unwanted items and then the community is welcome to come to the event, to go shopping for free this evening.
- The art club at Smithtown High School West designed a green team logo and is going to get it screen printed on reusable lunch bags and host a fundraiser.
- Accomsett Elementary School will be having a Spring Fling on May 16. Location to be announced. Gift basked raffle tickets will be available for purchase. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm

Please join us for our next AMS PTA meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Accompsett Middle School 2022-2023 PTA Executive Board

*Danielle Chisari-President
Veronica Herzfeld-1st Vice President
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