

Ward Melville High School PTSA Meeting Minutes Oct 16, 2024

- Welcome – Pledge
- 12th grader Assistant Principal's report - Mr. Vincent Cereola
 - Turkey Trot
 - Nov 23@11am, district wide, k grader and up can join
 - Participants can bring non-perishable foods for the food pantry
 - Money raised at the event will go to senior scholarship usage
 - Senior Trip
 - There are still 14 openings for the trip to Disney and Universal Studios on March 3-6, \$2200/person
 - Prom Planning – in March
 - Graduation Preparation
 - Yearbook Ordering
 - Will be on sale soon
- Counselor Department Chairperson Report – Mr. Nathan Jayne
 - Types of Grants and Scholarships
 - Federal Grants
 - N.Y. State Grants & Scholarships
 - Institutional Grants & Scholarships
 - Private Scholarships
 - Sample University Dependent Student and Offer Example
- Principal's Report – Mr. John Holownia
 - Current events at school organized by the World language department and Spanish Honor Society
 - Auditorium: display of the students' work
 - Zumba class
 - Fundraising events
 - Spirit week
 - Unity Day: Oct 16 this year – marks National Bullying Prevention Month
 - Ahead of Unity Day, "Chalk the Walk" activity
 - PSAT Exam – Oct 26
 - Readiness check needs to be completed prior to taking the exam
 - AP Exams
 - Registration deadline is approaching soon: \$40 late registration fee
 - Make sure students register on time and join the AP classroom
 - Meeting Sophomore Program
 - Mr. Holownia is meeting sophomores for a couple of days, 30 students at one time, addressed their concerns and questions
- More information about TURKEY TROT – Mrs. Dawn Depinto
 - Open to the whole district, money collected will all go to Senior Scholarship
 - Scan the QR Code on the handout – the site will be opened tomorrow

- The Sponsorship levels will be listed in details on the website
 - All is welcome to take the form to help find sponsorships, the more the better
 - One more category is added: individual person or family - \$50
- BOE Representative – David McKinnon
 - “Do No Harm” Regents policy
 - Start time
 - School restructuring: moving 6th grade to junior middle school, moving 9th grade to senior high school
 - Stony Brook University offers WISE Honors Program
- Student Government Report – Mason Lasner
 - Homecoming went on well
 - Next school event will be Trick or Treat Street Event
- Membership – Heather Fortner
 - Currently we have 123 (out of it 46 are teachers) members
- Financial Report – Megan Gembinski
 - Balance as of today is \$7162.97, more than what we had at this time of last year
- Delegate Report – Andrea Giantinoto
 - No meeting has been held since last meeting
- Corresponding Secretary – Andrea Fiorella
 - Shared a couple of letters from scholarship recipients
- NEXT WM PTSA Meeting will be on Nov 13 @7pm