AMS PPLT Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025
Minutes

Present: Stu Horlacher, Jen Goldenberg, Jess Barney, Lisa Ward, Patricia Calong, Danielle DeLauro, Cori Goldberg, Sandhya Ravi, Marisa Goldberg
Absent: Gicel Adon, Marie May

- What would we like to do this year?
    - MS Gradebook revisions?

- Grading Handbook discussion
    - Covers a spectrum of students from 9-18 years old (approx.)
    - A lot of attention in 5th & 6th (and across some disciplines) especially about taking home tests
    - Philosophical
    - Can 5th & 6th be treated differently than 7th & 8th with this issue?
    - Switch up test questions, then can send home
    - Need to help study
    - Teaching kids learn from mistakes
    - What are we trying to fix?
    - More work for teachers to explain the mistakes in email per kid via changing tests slightly
    - Appropriate for middle school to get tests signs at least through mid-8th grade
    - Different expectations for middle school vs. high school; and there should be
    - Maybe create an AMS Grading Handbook keeping current District one in mind? Be a little more flexible on some things:
        - Guidepost for kids who are sick/extended illness and making up work
    - **Middle School Course Handbook vs. High School Course Handbook**
        - **Make up**
        - **Grading**
        - **Tests going home**