AMS PPLT Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026
Minutes

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

- Grading Handbook - follow-up
    - Received feedback from stakeholders regarding TESTS
    - Will be a change in the handbook, but couldn't get a separate AMS Handbook
    - Everything is returned and reviewed in 5th-7th grade and can go home.
    - Everything is returned and reviewed in 8th grade, but cannot go home.
    - 7th Grade Foreign Language course will follow the rule for 8th grade.
    - AHS - no tests go home
    - May put a one-pager reference guide for key points of the grading handbook

- Feedback
    - AMS schedule will change with AHS change
        - Background - SEL focus
            - One lunch period
            - Rotating of classes for students in their own peak times
        - Big change; heavy lift
        - Start time/End Time change for AMS (8:10am start)
        - Itinerant teachers
        - Curriculum hour change - need same for all buildings
            - Wednesday mornings?
                - Difficult - Return to Work in the corporate world usually needs to come in Wednesday
            - Friday mornings? - seems to be the best option so far based on early feedback
            - One half day per month? - Consensus not easier unless there is an option for childcare
        - Could open up more clubs at AMS (T, W, Th)
        - Expansion of ACC/PALS (currently closes on half-days)
        - Concern about very late start for CRS
        - Trying the change in schedule at AHS first before moving to AMS - Can we prepare 8th graders in two years for a rotating schedule (were Covid Kindergartners, missed on new 5th grade transition plans)