AMS PPLT Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2026
Agenda

Present: Stu Horlacher, Jen Goldenberg, Jess Barney, Eleni Backos, Carolyn Leonard, Jessica Morganelli, Marie May, Pam Caldara, Renee Geithner-Marron, Matthew Gonzales, Cori Goldberg, Ria Calong, Emma Morris, Sandhya Ravi, Gicel Adon

- Introductions
- Review of PPLT responsibilities
- Reviewed past accomplishments of PPLT at AMS
- What would we like to do this year?
    - Snack in 7th Grade
    - Google Classroom - still not consistent
    - Dress code
    - Hard to lose the homework/ICS period (7th grade sticks out - nice to have support period on the bookends of the daily schedule)
        - Development of seminars
            - Career & Financial Management? - Financial Literacy Course as a Seminar?
            - Environmental Seminar?
            - Research/Science Research
            - College and Career Connected Learning
    - Uploading of Homework in 5th grade a challenge
    - Learning Strategies for 5th graders? Can we do the last two quarters of 5th and 1st two quarters of 6th?
    - National History Day?
    - Screen Time?
    - Share that we are embedding executive functioning in 5th grade curriculum
    - Share about 5th grade positing Q1
    - Descriptions of the seminar classes - Where to put them? Make the old map of classes clickable (send out once a quarter)
    - Testing Center? - Jen will look into possibly 1st and 9th
    - Question about absences - how long to make up work after unexcused absences? Do we want to put something in about not being to make up work once a quarter ends (except for INC cases)?
- Input on Student Handbook
    - Pg. 8 - Addition of 7th grade snack in the handbook
    - Dress Code - Bring kids to the table and ask what their thoughts are? Student Council facilitate?
        - When patterns arise, have a conversation with guidance (restorative practice)?
        - Hats/head coverings - add religious exemption
        - Add dress code is responsibility of the parent (look at Bronxville and Scarsdale)