

## **Youth In Government**

### **Board of Education (MP 1-2: Oct-Dec)**

- Mandatory for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend BOE meeting virtual Google Meet
  - Chaperone supervision for attendance and Meet oversight
- Honors LA and Math students actively participate on committees
- Topic chosen as proposal to Board
- Proposal explored by each committee, and presented by committee chair
- 10 committees:
  - Curriculum and Instruction
  - Strategic Planning
  - Finance and Facilities
  - Negotiations (teacher relations)
  - Policy
  - Bi-District (high school)
  - Technology
  - Grants
  - Public Relations
  - Superintendent
- First Board meeting in November is used for students to meet with BOE committee chairs to get their perspective on the proposal (approx. 30 minutes prior to the BOE meeting)
- First Board meeting in December is presentation

**All 8<sup>th</sup> graders expected to participate in at least 1 of the next 3**

**Sign-up sheets and elections held around Elections**

### **Firehouse visit (MP 3: March)**

Approximately 1 hour visit

- Students select to participate in this visit or the Mock Trial
- Fire Chief explains the protocol of how to become a fire fighter
- History of Milltown and fires, and location of fire house
- Tour of fire house and trucks
- Dress up as fire fighters
- Explains the different levels of fire fighters positions and responsibilities
- Meet and greet with current, active fire fighters
- Description of new fire house
- Protocols for overnight stays and emergencies

### **Police Visit (MP 3: Feb)**

Set up in JK Gym

- Police Officer visits JK
- Explanation of steps for becoming law enforcement
- Levels of police officers and responsibilities
- Explanation of procedures when being arrested
- History of Milltown Police and Headquarters

### **Town Council (MP 4: May)**

Observe town council meeting in April (post for Chaperones)

- 11 students participate as members of the Borough Council and Administration
- Students attend presentation of municipal government facilitated by the Mayor and Borough Clerk on an afternoon at JK prior to scheduled Council meeting
- The Boro Clerk prepares scripts for the students and goes through them on the day of the visit
- Students attend and “run” the meeting on behalf of their Council member counterpart

Administration

1. Borough Clerk
2. Borough Attorney
3. Borough Engineer
4. Chief Financial Officer

Council

5. Mayor
6. Public Safety
7. Public Works & Recycling
8. Utilities
9. Parks & Recreation
10. Finance, Planning & Administration
11. Environment, Health & Social Services

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Alternative Option

### **Mock Trial (MP 3: Feb)**

Set up in JK Gym

- Select a teacher to be “arrested”
- Arrange with Milltown Police Department to come to JK for the arrest
- Select one student to ride in the police car based on essay with rationale
- Judge and 2 attorneys, prosecutor and defender
- Trial includes evidence that is submitted for judge’s review
- Teacher is put on the stand
- Students who did not attend firehouse, attend as audience members
- Correlating activity in-class follow up