

**PTSO Meeting Thursday, January 5, 2023 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Members Present: Brett Wilson, Kelly Johnson, Julie Faure, Kari Gardner, Nancy Frahm, Jeanean Goodsell, Gisel, Jenica Barber, Stacy Arens, Allie Jones**

**Meeting Called to order: 7:34 pm**

**AMES UPDATES:**

Minutes from the last meeting are forthcoming.

• **Principal** - Brett Wilson

- Down to a week left in the quarter (first semester). Last Day to turn items in is Jan.12. Students have no school Jan 12-16. Teachers will be grading and have professional development 12/13th. Semester 2 starts Jan 17.
- Working with Granite regarding a potential change in relationship. This is ongoing. Positive moves on that front. Faculty will be updated soon and parent update when finalized.
- Committee for school trust lands fund. \$63,000 to be allocated.
- Truancy sweeps from Cottonwood. First Sweep, 200 at Cottonwood - AMES had 6. Today's 1st period sweep Cottonwood 35, Ames was 22 (but most were late being dropped off parents, not in halls). These sweeps are changing the culture in Cottonwood and AMES is happy to support
- March 7th - ACT test.
- March 7th - Non-school day for Seniors. Seniors will have the opportunity to go to Weber State. All students wanting to go to college should attend, even if they are not planning on Weber State. Lots of helpful How to information will be given.
- Will be doing senior signs - QR code goes to the main website. This will happen in the late spring - closer to graduation
- Tours every Wednesday and some Fridays as well. Going to every Middle School/Junior High that we are invited to. There are some transfer spots for current 9th (rising 10th graders) for next year.

• **Counselors** – Stephanie Southwick and Kari Gardner

- Alumni Day! It is a big event for both faculty, staff and students.
- Focusing on Schedule changes for Semester 2
- Course Selection for next year will be coming up end of January - done by beginning of February
- Then will be Junior College and Career meetings
- "Graduation in Danger" list will be sent out to parents soon.
- Senior Portfolio is also coming - reminders will go out soon for Seniors. This will be so much EASIER if you do it earlier rather than at the last minute. Senior

Resources (Instructions/help/examples/prompts) are on the counseling canvas page.

- Thank you to all who donated for the wellness week. The event was fantastic and well received.
- Counseling Assembly coming up as well.

### **PTSO BUSINESS:**

***Treasurer: Jenica Barber***

*Current Funds: \$5081.98*

*Income: \$481.05 from paypal, \$100 Checks*

*We are a bit behind on donations. If you have not yet joined the PTO (\$25 donation) please join today.*

*Grad night spending has begun. These expenditures have been authorized already.*

*There has been a 5 figure donation made today that has been added to the Foundation fund. This will go to our scholarships and other student based expenses. Thank you to all our donors!*

### **AMES Upcoming Events & Volunteer Needs**

- AMES Outreach to New Students: wire stands for lawn signs (150 more needed - still working on these - If you can donate please email Julie Faure). Environmental club has been calling to try and get more wire stands for lawn signs but is still waiting for answers. Working on the lawn signs. QR code is ready to go. QR will go to application page for AMES. Can be ready in 1 week. Need to decide where these need to go.
- Friday, Jan 7, 2023: Alumni Day at AMES - All are invited! Clubs and College forums will have alumni in them to talk to the students about their experiences. Currently at 24 alumni presenting! Will pass on life lessons learned since they have been out of AMES.
- Organizing and sign-up for winter dance dinner. Will be working on snack/dinner balance. Parents were so generous last time, looking forward to a repeat. There will be dinner/activities/games right after school. Then a bus for the dance. Dance ticket must to be paid for in advance. Students really enjoy these dances. Sign up genius for snack/dinner volunteers will be coming soon.
- Dinner for Parent-Teacher Conferences and help with PTSO table. One day will be online, the other will be in person. On the in person day there will be a PTSO table and dinner will be provided for teacher by PTSO. Sign up will be forthcoming for that as well. More details will come directly in a parent email. May have new digital platform for the online meetings.

- Check in with Graduation committee. Nancy, Heather and Stacey (with the help and guidance of several others) have been organizing this senior party. Met with sponsor (Zions) and they were very supportive and laid back. Facility was very nice. There are places to warm food and refrigerators in the facility. No facilities for actual cooking there. Tablecloths, tables and chairs are provided. Three projector screens are there to be used - this has a lot of possibilities for photos and such. AV system can be used for music and photos. Parking tickets can be purchased ahead of time for any parking over the free two hours. Capacity is over 200. Space is booked for Thursday June 1st. Event insurance is not required but if we don't carry it we would be liable. There is space for dancing and there is also time on the schedule to allow it.

There is also a Sandy parks and rec venue that is capacity of 230-300. Has indoor and outdoor space. This might be a good option for next year but the Zions venue is a once in a lifetime kind of chance - so we will go for the Zions venue.

Committee will organize details and ensure that the raffle takes a bit less time this year. Julie will support as needed.

- Senior Scholarships - Tia Weiler is in charge of this. There will be three - Historically first two are bigger amounts than the third. Monies go straight to the college.

**Event Coordinators** • Thank you to those who have signed up. Your help is invaluable.

- We are still looking for event coordinators and committee chairs for later school year events

- SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ABA82CAAFFC61-school>

### **Parent Questions, Discussion and Suggestions**

- AMES admin is always open to suggestions about how to outreach to more students. Online application is open! Closes February 14th. Please get the word out.

*These events are provided with the help of your donations to the PTSO. We hope to raise \$25 per student enrolled at AMES in order to fund the activities we organize. 100% of the funds we raise and the work we do go directly to support the AMES students and teachers!*

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**Next Meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2023**

Minutes Read and Approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38pm