

Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:30 pm

Present: Brett Wilson, Julie Faure, Nancy Frahm, Stephanie Southwick, Jenica Barber, Marcia Fuller Durkin, Mary Paul, Allison Jones

*Meeting called to order 7:36 pm*

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **\*AMES UPDATES:**

- Principal - Brett Wilson

*Juniors: Seeing some hiccups from covid. Juniors are strong in science and math but seeing some gaps in reading fluency and english parts of the ACT. Seeing a lot of incomplete work assignments for Juniors and getting concerned where they are at. Juniors that want to take the U of U classes need to make sure that they are on track to graduate and have finished any outstanding credit recovery.*

*Board approved travel for robotics team. Salt Lake 1st Robotics Regional will be Friday 3 9:00 am and Saturday 4th 8:30am. Once the schedule is finalized Mr. Wilson will send it out. Will have a live stream at school and can send live stream link for parents that would like to follow along as well. Weigh in went well and passed right off the back.*

### **LIVE STREAM LINKS:**

*AMES is #3243.[ <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires3> ]( <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires3> )  
[ <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires4> ]( <https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires4> )*

*Educator rising competition - 6 students that placed. Only the second year for us at this competition. Dr. Church and Tim Dyson served as judges. One of the 9th graders who was part of this is the daughter of an AMES graduate.*

*Snow days adventures. One call & aspire can be used to alert everyone but during the snow day aspire did not work! Many community members did not receive the information until this week. One Call should be up and running for any further issues.*

*Thank you to Nancy and Farmers for providing dinner for PTC night.*

- Counselors – Stephanie Southwick and Kari Gardner

*Senior presentations - May 18th. Senior seminar was held but the message on aspire was delayed. Seniors should be at college forum tomorrow (9:00am) for more information about the presentations.*

*Senior party post is on instagram! [https://www.instagram.com/ames\\_slc/](https://www.instagram.com/ames_slc/)*

*Rising 9th orientation will be coming up. Four sessions: March 15th 5-6 pm and 6-7 pm, March 21st. 5-6pm and 6-7 pm. The new 9th graders will be picking their classes.*

*UofU orientation will also be held in the next month.*

### **\*PTSO BUSINESS:**

• Treasurer: Jenica Barber

*\$3944 - Current Balance*

*One check out - venue in Sandy - pursuing refund*

*\$322 - Income this month by pay pal and checks*

*Grad night is continuing - Ask foundation board if they will possibly donate some of the general funds for the scholarship so that we can use rest of our funds for the budget.*

*Otherwise PTSO will need to bring in more funds.*

*Missing check has been found!*

*\$1500 - budget for teacher appreciation week.*

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

• *Friday, March 3 - Saturday, March 4, 2023 - Robotics Competition (see details above)*

• *Tuesday, March 7th - Distance Learning for Freshman & Sophomores.*

• *Tuesday, March 7th - ACT Day for Juniors.*

• *Tuesday, March 7th - Weber State tour for Seniors. \*The bus will leave AMES @ 9:00 AM. Encouraging Seniors to go on the tour even if Weber is not the school of choice as most of the registration and financial aid offices work the same.*

• *March 15th Rising 9th Orientation*

• *March 21st Rising 9th Orientation*

• *Thursday, March 23rd - END OF TERM.*

• *Friday, March 24th - NO SCHOOL*

• *Monday, March 27th - 31st - SPRING BREAK*

### **\*Event Coordinators**

• *ACT Snacks - Pam Garringer*

• *Rising 9th Orientation - ? Julie is following up.*

- *PTSO Scholarships - Tia Weiler - Has been working with counseling for the questions. Date is forthcoming. Judges may be needed.*
- *Teacher Appreciation - Meg Dean, Rachel Bremer, Marcia Durkin - Budget has been set (see above). Mary has also offered help with design and printing for teacher appreciation week. Thank you Mary!*
- *Graduation Updates - Graduation May 31st, 3pm, Party - Founder's Room Zion's bank 1 Main St., June 1st - evening. Save the date has been sent out. Notice on Instagram. Help needed for Raffle. Decorations are covered. Catering is in process. Help needed for the video (Mr. Wilson will ask for photos to use). There are three screens in the venue. Thank you to Jenica for all her help with the party! Nancy Frahm, Heather Haley & Stacey Arens*
  
- *End of School BBQ - Date and Time TBD - Allie Jones, Sian Bennett, Marcia Durkin - Couple of parents would like to start a bit earlier to prevent having such long lines OR many cook a bit in advance to try (kept warm in the aluminum containers). Last year with two grills people had to cook the whole time. Having more grills would really help. Add this to the sign up genius. Will need an estimated count.*
  
- *Want to help? Click and Scroll to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ABA82CAAFFC61-school>*
  
- *PTSO website - Mary needs more direction/information to improve the website. Jenean and Julie will spend time with Mary to get this off the ground.*

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

These events are provided with the help of your donations to the PTSO. We aim 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 goes directly to support the AMES students and teachers!

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Minutes read and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 6, 2023