

AMES PTSO AGENDA

Academy of Math, Engineering, and Science (AMES)

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Thursday, September 8, 2022 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Virtual

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95057302393?pwd=VGtpNSs0VnZ6SHIiUWNZdzE2dHdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 950 5730 2393 Passcode: 7tpBAi

Members Present: Kelly Johnson, Brett Wilson, Julie Faure, Jenica Barber, Stacey Arens, Jenean Goodsell, Stacy & Shawn Hart, Katie Warner, Danny Ladue, Mohamed Jama

Technical issues delayed the start until 7:51

AMES UPDATES:

- Principal - Brett Wilson

News about the school 458 students, 125 freshman, Smallest enrollment in 11 years. Mobility is quite high - lottery and waiting list has been run through. Isn't an issue for the budget. College forums on first Fridays and then clubs. Records are being kept for both. Same teachers do forums. Reinforcement forum will start tomorrow on keys - tomorrow is Living in the Moment. Theme this year is rebuilding the culture. On meeting for the board of trustees on having AMES to be chartered within Granite. Six finalists in National Merit Scholarship.

Stacey Arens - Asked to clarify the granite partnership. Brett Wilson explained that this would expand our partnership with Granite and Cottonwood. It would not expand our access to GTI. It would help give us an anchor in the building. It could increase our discount for Cottonwood classes. It would help Granite by expanding enrollment which is in decline.

- Counselors – Stephanie Southwick and Kari Gardner - Postponed until next meeting

PTSO BUSINESS:

Treasurer: Jenica Barber

\$3245 most earmarked for scholarships

\$800 raised

Need to raise \$9600

Money goes to snacks for testing, grad night, dances and for teacher appreciation, School can help if needed.

Back to School Night:

Comments? Questions?

Kelly J. - Really well done.

Jenica B.- There is a piece of paper that is locked in the closet with a name for graduation night. It will be rescued and volunteers will be contacted.

PTSO/Foundation:

Change in PTSO. See tab for more details. <https://www.ames-slc.org/ptso>

PTSO is now a volunteer arm of the AMES foundation. This allows all donations to PTSO to be tax deductible.

Shawn - Do donations to foundation go to the \$9800 that needs to be raised?

Jenica - No foundation is separate. The link to the current year goes to the PTSO, the scholarship is for the scholarships, the foundation is for long term. ALL are tax deductible.

Julie - Goal is \$25/student in donations to run school events (dances, test snacks, teacher dinners). Any extra funds at the end of the year will go to the scholarships.

Foundation - bigger projects, for the school

Scholarships - for student scholarships.

Volunteer Drive:

Trying to create more structure in the PTSO. Need to recruit people who are willing to take leadership chairs. If there are more than one volunteer - the community will vote to decide chair. Sign up genius will stay open until October.

Committee Chair Positions:

President 23-24
Fundraising Co-Chairs
Donation Coordinator
Website Manager

Event Coordinators:

PT conference Table Coordinator
Testing Day Breakfast Coordinator
New student outreach and open house coordinators
Student Council dance coordinator - dance dates are set. Venue for prom is in process.
Scholarship Coordinator
Teacher Appreciation Coordinators
Graduation Party Coordinators
End of School BBQ Coordinators

Environmental Club: May need help - Ask your kid to sign up.

Communications:

If you cannot come to the meeting please send info to Julie at PTSO: tso.ames.slc@gmail.com
If you want to stay up to date ask to be added the email list by emailing PTSO: tso.ames.slc@gmail.com

Announcements and Updates

- Discussion of the purpose and mission of the AMES Foundation and the PTSO
- Discussion of committee assignments
- Link for sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ABA82CAAFFC61-school>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences:

- Mon, Sept 19, 4:30-7pm: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Will be split in person and on line. 19th is in person and 20th is online. Cottonwood will do both days in person.
1. Organize dinners for staff
 2. Volunteers for PTSO information and donation collection table

PSAT:

We will also be offering the PSAT to 10th and 11th graders that would like to take that test. We are not giving it to all 11th graders.

- Wed, Oct 12, 8am: PSAT breakfast for Juniors

Parent Questions, Discussion and Suggestions: (TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING)

- Mental health
- Other

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!

To DONATE:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2YCKSH2KLXJEQ

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Minutes read and approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:40