

AMES Board of Trustees

March 9, 2022 – Via Zoom

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Alison Flanders

Shwan Javdan

Excused:

Donald Saxon

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Jenica Barber

Stephanie Southwick

Educational Excellence

Due to an emergency, Richard Anthony asked if we could cover decision items first so he could be present.

Motion to move all decision items to the beginning for the meeting: Richard Anthony

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

1. Minutes of February 10, 2022 –

Motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022 as presented: Richard Anthony

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. **PTSO Report** – Julie Faure reported on the meeting that was held on March 3, she went over what was covered in the meeting. The PTSO Scholarship application is up on Canvas for the seniors to access. Julie will be attending the registration meeting on March 15 to introduce PTSO to new parents just starting at AMES. They are looking for someone to come to the March 23 meeting to represent the PTSO. PTSO is now part of the AMES Foundation and Jenica Barber is working on the transition. Julie is trying to delegate more and be involved a little less. The senior graduation party will be at Spyhop on May 26, the night before graduation.
3. **Applied Independent Music** – Stephanie Southwick, AMES Counselor, introduced this program to the AMES Board. It will be a program that students can earn credit for participating in outside music programs outside of school. This program is similar to our Fitness for Life packet that students can work on at home. The fine

arts standards fit with this program. The packet will be on Canvas and each completed packet will earn .5 credit. This will be a decision item in April.

4. **U of U Chemistry & Biology Teacher** – Shwan Javdan reported that he has reached out to the U’s Biology department and since he has not heard back from them he will drop his request. The U has suggested that for Chemistry they are interested in having a post-doctoral student teach at AMES. The disadvantage to this is that the instructor would change every year. The U is experiencing large freshman growth which is why there is a shortage of Chemistry teachers. Alison will meet with the Chemistry department, one option is to have a universal syllabus and use it to fill the position. Shwan and Alison will keep working on this.
5. **Teacher Compensation for Covering Another Class** – At the beginning of January when there was an increase of Covid cases, AMES had a hard time finding subs to cover classes when teachers were out. In these cases, teachers would cover a class on their prep period. AMES would like to be able to compensate teachers who step in to cover classes. Granite School District pays \$40 per class period covered and AMES would like to match this pay.
Motion to approve a \$40 stipend for teachers when covering for other teachers:
Julie Faure
2nd: Liliana Diaz
Vote: Unanimously approved
6. **ESEA Presentation** – The ESEA is an educational association that works with Title One schools. AMES was asked to do a presentation at their conference in New Orleans this year. Brett Wilson went along with Kelly Glassett. AMES English 11 teacher and Kim Spencer, AMES US History & Psychology teacher. They subject for the presentation was – “Coming out of a Pandemic and Re-establishing Rigor”. Brett will present the data to the AMES Board in the April meeting.
7. **AMES Bylaws and SCSB Charter Agreement** – Marie Steffensen was ill and couldn’t attend the meeting. AMES by-laws need to be updated to be aligned with the charter agreement. This item will be on the April Agenda.

Fiscal

1. **February Fiscals** - Richard Welch discussed the balance sheet with the AMES Board, Shwan Javdan noticed that fund balance has increased and would like to look at a way to compensate teachers. Richard mentioned that things don’t change much on a month to month basis and that the excess funds have been adding up since the school opened in 2003. Covid relief funds added and expenditures that didn’t come in as usual.
Motion to approve the February Fiscal report as presented: Liliana Diaz
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

1. **Potential New Board Member** – Shwan Javdan has received 2 letters of interest for open board position. The AMES Board members have reviewed the letters and would like to meet with the applicants via zoom. Shwan will set up those meetings.

Motion to table the decision until April: Shwan Javdan
2nd: Richard Anthony
Vote: Unanimously approved

Foundation

- 1. Foundation Update** – Jenica Barber has been elected as treasurer of the Foundation and the PTSO. She will make arrangements with the current PTSO financial institution to add the tax ID number. The Foundation would also like to have a separate checking account but it can't be at the same institution. They will still need to figure out how to keep PTSO/Foundation funds separated. The Foundation would also like to have the AMES website reworked so they can have a tab for the PTSO that has current information along with a tab for Foundation donations. Richard Welch would also like to meet with the Foundation about tax returns that have been processed by our outside auditors in the past.

AMES Mission

- 1. Application Information** – The AMES Board was given information about the Lottery results of March 1. We have been informed that 2 charter schools are encouraging all of their 8th grade students to apply to AMES. We received a total of 202 applications, accepted 134 students with 68 on the wait list. We will have Registration meetings on March 15 & 23 at 5:00 and 6:30. The AMES Board would like to review the lottery procedures on October or November of 2022.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting: Liliana Diaz
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned – 6:43 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 13, 2022

Approval pending

Potential Next Meeting Topics:

Fund Balance – Closed Session
Applied Independent Music – Decision
Charter Agreement/Bylaws unified