

PTSO Meeting Thursday, November 4, 2021
Minutes

In Attendance:

Brett Wilson, principal
Kari Gardner, counselor
Jenica Barber, PTSO treasurer
Julie Faure, PTSO president
Heather Haley
Nancy Frahm
Jackson, Senior student
Allie Jones
Holly Wilkens
Tanya Smith

UPDATES:

• **Principal** - Brett Wilson

The school has now placed Aids in classrooms where needed. Academically, the students are still behind, but doing better than one year ago (77 “F” grades compared to over “130” for 1st quarter).

AMES has been promoting school spirit and fun for students to get to know each other better through activities. This past week has been spirit week.

Monday: Movie Star Monday

Tuesday: Best Dress Day (students call it Peacock day)

Wednesday: Meme Day

Thursday: Dress like a teacher day (we could dress like students maybe?) - Jackson dressed like Mr. Wilson!

Friday: Monochrome (dress in all one color) This is also the theme for the dance that same night so students will not have to go home to change if they do not want to or cannot. Lunchtime activities for each day of the week which were sponsored by clubs.

Mr. Wilson wants to add an AMES specific spin on Tuesdays for the rest of the year. In addition to Hawaiian Shirt Wednesdays, they would like to add tie-dye shirt Tuesday. To that end, they are going to provide each student the opportunity to tie dye a tee shirt.

The school is providing the tee shirts and the materials. The school is hoping the PTSO can help recruit parents to help starting at 8:00am on Monday, November 29 and through the morning to help tie-dye the shirts. There will also be a vaccination clinic offering the Moderna vaccine to students and boosters to the staff.

Mr. Wilson encouraged especially seniors to volunteer (volunteer organizations are looking for help)

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

Kari spoke on behalf of counselors.

Counselors will be starting their meetings with 9th graders and their parents next week.

70% of seniors have worked on their college application and come to App Day events. Counselors are planning to have at least one more College Application Day (tentatively November 20). Make sure to save a bagel for Kari next time!!

- **Fiscal** - Jenica Barber

PTSO collected about \$1000 since the last meeting. There is \$8,600 in the account (\$1000 still needs to be cashed for a scholarship earned last year)

PTSO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENT PLANNING:

Upcoming volunteer opportunities

- Fall dance on Friday, November 5.

We have the volunteers we need. Thank you.

- Vaccination Clinic and Tie-dye event on Monday, November 29:

We will need 4 volunteers to help with the vaccination clinic and 10-20 volunteers to help with tie-dyeing 475 t-shirts. Volunteers will need to arrive by 8am to help organize the shirts in advance of the classes dyeing their shirts.

- Help organizing holiday gifts to teachers and staff from PTSO

Jackson had some great suggestions for teachers but perhaps too pricey. He also suggested matching socks!

- Next meeting - December 2. Date and place to be discussed

I was decided that it is best to stick with Thursday and perhaps have it at AMES right after school at 3:45pm. Parents who cannot attend could Zoom in.

Planning ahead for Spring and Graduation

- Seniors under Jackson's and the student council will explore what seniors would like to do. He said that some students were interested in being DJ's
- Reserving a venue for the Senior party. We hope to have a decision by December 2 meeting. Tracy Aviary, Spy Hop, Sorenson Center, Aquarium are some of the venues discussed.
- Wasatch Casino seems appealing to some students. Perhaps DJ and dancing outdoors on Spy Hop terrace and Casino games indoors.
- Heather Haley has generously volunteered to create a panel of parents to help design PTSO scholarships applications and judge entries. 5-6 parents who do not know the individual seniors would be on the panel.