

AMES Board of Trustees

September 9, 2020

Called to Order: 5:03 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Shwan Javdan

Lisa Taylor-Swanson

Excused:

Alison Flanders

Donald Saxon

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

Kari Gardner

Janna Martin

Amy Noyce

Zac Pau'u

Martha Taylor

Sara Whitbeck-Zacharias

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of July 30, 2020 –

Motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2020 as written: Shwan Javdan

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. PTSO Report – The AMES PTSO had a virtual meeting on 9/3/2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was very well attended by parents and AMES staff. The AMES Counselors gave of report of what they have been working on. The PTSO want to encourage parent involvement, they will be providing meals, drinks & snack for teachers during Parent/Teacher Conference on September 21 & 22. They are hoping to do a better job at raising money this year, they would like to encourage parents to participate in a no-fuss fundraiser by having them donate \$25 for each student in AMES. They will design a flyer to go out with the 1st term report cards to inform Parents about PTSO.

3. Online Average Daily Attendance – Brett Wilson went over the procedure that AMES teachers are using to take attendance. The students are to log on within 10 minutes of each synchronous class at which time teachers are to take roll. Teachers

will teach for at least 45 minutes each period. At the end of the first week AMES had 21 students who hadn't logged on. 10 didn't have computers, 9 weren't registered & 2 were out of state. Over 90% are logging on regularly. We will start reaching out to those that still are not logging on and inviting them to come to the school to work in the computer lab.

- 4. Review of COVID-19 DATA & AMES Status** – COVID cases went down for the first week but are now going back up. The positive testing rate is over 9%. AMES had one report of a student who had close contact with a person who tested positive, there have been no reports of any other cases at AMES. Board members are wondering why AMES and Cottonwood High School aren't mentioned on the COVID-19 school data sight. There are 188 cases listed, 153 in the past 14 days. Granite School District has a Google document that they update every Monday to keep the district informed. AMES Board member feel that we should stay online until the decline is more pronounced.

Motion to continue with online synchronous learning: Julie Faure

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

- 5. Freshman & New Student Orientation** – AMES will start bringing in Freshmen and new students on Fridays in groups of 20. One session in the morning and one in the afternoon. We will start on the 18th. Brett Wilson and Hema Katoa will each take a group and give a tour of the school and go over important information.
- 6. Bus Contract** – Red Star Transportation sent a letter to the AMES Board regarding their situation since the school shut down in March. The letter was read. This situation will be discussed in closed session.
- 7. Advertising Contract** – With AMES need for targeted recruiting we were approached by a company that does advertising on shopping carts where we could pick the stores in the areas that we would like to target. We could advertise in Smith's stores in West Valley and Rose Park and the price would be about \$3,500 per year which includes the graphic design. We have tried to find other companies that we could get bids from, we are having a difficult time finding a similar service.
- 8. Status of PPE & Teacher Protection** – AMES has been able to find enough PPE to protect all staff and students. We have facemasks, face shields, disinfecting wipes and have installed Plexiglas around the office areas and around Mr. Webster's room where students are going to use computers during the school day.

Fiscal

- 1. End of Year Fiscals** – Richard Welch presented the End of Year fiscals for the 2019-2020 school year. We have a net income of \$315,000.00, we may have extra money to spend this year, but we also may be looking at cuts in some of the programs that have given us extra funds like the USTAR grant and TSSA. Richard will keep the AMES Board updated as the year progresses.

Motion to approve the End of Year fiscals as presented: Richard Anthony

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

No Business

Foundation

- 1. New Foundation Board Member** – After a discussion of what was required of an AMES Foundation Board Member, Shwan Javdan volunteered to be on the Board.
Motion to approve Shwan Javdan as an AMES Foundation Board Member: Liliana Diaz
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved

AMES Mission

- 1. Personnel – Art Teacher** – Brett Wilson interviewed several applicants for the open position of Art Teacher, he is asking for approval for the hire of Elarie McGarvey.
Motion to approve the hire of Elarie McGarvey: Richard Anthony
2nd: Liliana Diaz
Vote: Unanimously approved
- 2. Parent/Teacher Conference** – Parent/Teacher Conference will be held on September 21 & 22. The teachers have been asked to create a short video of introduction for parents to view and then parents will log on for Zoom conferences. Parents will be put in a waiting room in the order that they log on. If parents want an in person conference they will be by appointment only.

Public Comment

Amy Noyce, AMES Teacher thanked the AMES Board for all that they do.

Janna Martin, AMES Teacher also thanked the AMES Board stating that she feels very lucky to work at a place that values our health and safety.

6:55 p.m.

Motion to move to closed session: Shwan Javdan

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

7:10 p.m.

Motion to open session: Julie Faure

2nd: Shwan Javdan

Vote: Unanimously approved

Motion to close Meeting: Shwan Javdan

2nd: Liliana Diaz

Vote: Unanimously approved

Next Meeting – October 14, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Approved 10/14/2020