

AMES Board of Trustees

February 10, 2022 – Via Zoom

Called to Order: 5:05 p.m.

Attendees:

Board:

Richard Anthony

Liliana Diaz

Julie Faure

Shwan Javdan

Don Saxon

Excused:

Alison Flanders

Staff:

Brett Wilson

Hema Katoa

Richard Welch

Nancy Carpenter

Visitors:

No Visitors

Educational Excellence

1. Minutes of January 12, 2022 –

Motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022 as presented: Julie Faure

2nd: Donald Saxon

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. **PTSO Report** – Julie Faure reported on the meeting that was held on February 3. Brett Wilson gave them an update on the AMES Covid status and the closure at the end of the second term. Julie mentioned that the White family had donated dinner for Parent/Teacher conference. They have \$7,831.00 in there account. PTSO is still deciding on what date to have the graduation party, either May 25 or 26. There is an AMES parent who is volunteering with the Environmental Club to make sure the paper recycling is being emptied.

3. **COVID 19 Response – Test to Stay** – AMES had 31 Covid cases reported before the Test to Stay which resulted in another 31 cases. The decision to close for a week helped keep the cases down. Shwan Javdan suggested sending out information to AMES families about the free testing kits they can order through the Post Office.

4. **2022-2023 School Calendar** – The AMES Board was presented the Granite School District 2022-2023 calendar for adoption. In order for AMES to match their calendar we may have to look at the budget and add more days to the teacher's contracts. We will still be on the same AB calendar.

Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 Granite School District calendar: Donald Saxon

2nd: Julie Faure

Vote: Unanimously approved

- Trustlands Funding** – Brett Wilson presented the Board with the request for funding from AMES teachers to fulfill the school goals. **Goal #1** is for Title I and School Improvement. This may include ordering ebooks for Biology. **Goal #2** is to improve Technology, we will be ordering new laptops and carts to replace older ones that were damaged during the Covid closure. **Goal #3** is to decrease the achievement gap for low income learners in AP & Concurrent enrollment.
AMES has a carryover balance of \$900. Our total funding will be \$62,100.00
Motion to approve the Trustland Funding plan as presented: Julie Faure
2nd: Liliana Diaz
Vote: Unanimously approved
- OPMA Audit Results** – Our original Open Public Meeting Act audit found a couple of items that needed action. The items were corrected and the State thanked the AMES Board for their prompt action. We have now passed with no findings.

Fiscal

- January Fiscals** - Richard Welch discussed the balance sheet with the AMES Board and why some of the numbers can change so much month to month. At times the timing of bills can change but it is nothing to be concerned about.
Motion to approve the January balance sheet: Donald Saxon
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Organization

- Potential New Board Member** – This item will be discussed in Closed Session.
Board Note – Shwan Javdan mentioned that several member of the Board and staff have received phishing email from him with a false email address. He believes that he has the problem fixed with a change in the website.

Foundation

- Foundation Update** – The PTSO will use the AMES Foundation tax ID number so they can be eligible for fund raising. Jenica Barber will serve as the treasurer for both organizations.
Don Saxon and Brett Wilson met with Alison Black from “Big Smiles”, they will set a date to come and provide dental work for AMES students. AMES will send flyers out to parents and ask for them to run it through their dental insurance or pay what they can. Once 10 people have signed up, a date will be set for the dental work to be done at the school. The school will not be liable for payment if parents can’t pay. They would like to have this set up by April.
The foundation would also like a page on the AMES website where they can accept donations.

AMES Mission

- Application Information** - Our applications are down this year, as of today we have 174 applications, 40 are from siblings and the breakdown is 102 male and 72 female applications. The AMES Board asked that we keep the application open a week longer, the application will now close on February 25.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

6:28 - Motion to move to a closed session: Julie Faure
2nd: Donald Saxon
Vote: Unanimously approved

6:45 – Motion to open meeting: Liliana Diaz
2nd: Julie Faure
Vote: Unanimously approved

Motion to close meeting: Julie Faure
2nd: Donald Saxon
Vote: Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned – 6:48 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 9, 2022
Approval pending

Potential Next Meeting Topics:
Teacher compensation for covering another class
Applied Independent Music
Potential Board Member
U of U Chemistry & Biology teacher
ESEA Presentation
Foundation Update
Policy for age appropriate admittance