

# PTSO MEETING MINUTES

Ardrey Kell High School

January 10, 2022 | Meeting called to order by Suzanne at 1806

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## Approval of Minutes

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Minutes available to attendees for review. Presented for approval. No corrections identified.

Laura B. made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve. 2nd motion to approve received.

Motion carried and December 2021 PTSO meeting minutes approved as written.

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## President's Report

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Suzanne reports no new business. Suzanne to present the Treasurer's report that follows.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Suzanne providing Tori's updates. Financial statement available for attendees.

- PTSO Capital Campaign remains behind fundraising goals.
- PTSO Venmo account has been used successfully by a few student groups such as the AK Chronicle.
- The AK FRC team will be the recipient of a Benevity donation which will be passed through the PTSO account. This has been previously completed at Community House.
- Student Council (SGA) funds include Candy Gram sales and proceeds from Sophomore holiday activity.
- Shout out to the Publix/Harris Teeter Committee; a check for more than \$3000 received from Harris Teeter. Publix check expected soon once threshold reached.

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## Principal's Report

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Mrs. Brooks reports the following:

- Shared a request for a change this month- instead of traditional monthly cakes, looking at providing individual cupcakes for staff to minimize need for food handling. Increased cost approved by PTSO.
- Reviewing staffing placements: Officer Roddy in place as Resource Officer; Ms. Holden has started at Dean of Students (focusing on discipline); A new English and a new Math teacher will begin January 24 (in time for new semester, no class changes)
- Regarding staff vacancies: No candidates have applied for Chemistry teacher (students will be placed in other chemistry classes); No candidates for EC opening; ISS-2 upcoming interviews.
- Connect Ed regarding exam details to include Friday start of exam week. The final day of exams will be used for make-ups. Any student without an exam will report to Homeroom for the day. Exam days are no longer early release days at the HS level due to other changes to CMS school calendar.

- Regarding Sadie Hawkins Dance: Mrs. Brooks reports that it has been postponed due to significant COVID-19 case numbers. Staff will chaperone the dance and at this time it is not prudent. Mrs. Brooks reports 25 staff absences today. However, Mrs. Brooks addressed some information being repeated on social media that may not be accurate. Per Mrs. Brooks, CMS approved spring dance planning in October, 2021 but the Sadie Dance was a *special* request due to the January date. Spirit Week will be moved, there will still be a Sadie Court for AK young men and there will be a dance rescheduled if possible. Mrs. Brooks wants the students of AK to have a dance.
- Some confusion may stem from the school COVID dashboard, but Mrs. Brooks warns that the data may not reflect all cases in real time. Mrs. Brooks reports more than 90 positive cases reported over winter break and 28 student cases today alone (1/10) With that many students, Mrs. Brooks is focused on reporting the staff cases for the dashboard but Mecklenburg County is receiving all of the student case information from the school nurse.
- Planning for Prom continues.
- AK graduation has been set for Saturday evening, June 11.
- Mrs. Brooks received an abrupt resignation letter from AK traffic officer. She is working with CMPD to secure officer coverage.
- Officer Herrera will be honored at a basketball game February 1<sup>st</sup>. This would have been his retirement celebration. AK Athletic Boosters are selling T-shirts and bracelets will be available for anyone who donates. All proceeds from both will support a new scholarship in his name. His photos will be displayed in the AK main lobby.
- School safety updates: Clear backpacks are mandated by CMS and will be arriving soon. CMS is securing funding for body scanners that can identify weapons using a portable device, such as a tablet. Schools with increased incidences may be prioritized.
- New video to be shared with students that includes active shooter scenarios/ partnership with CMPD.

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## Committee Reports

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**Communications** (Janine) No update

**Facebook** (Geneva)- No update

**Fundraising** (Lea) – Work group continues to be active. Amazon Smile has generated some revenue. Actively working on some percent nights at local restaurants; goal to use digital sign at entrance to promote activities more as well as Mrs. Brooks for intercom announcements.

**Harris Teeter/Publix**- (Laura and Julia) No update

**Hospitality** (Jennifer/Leigh Ann) No update. Mrs. Brooks reports positive feedback regarding holiday lunch.

**Picture Day** (Karla) No update.

**Scholarships** (Angela/Tori) Information to go out next week.

**SLT** (Laura) School dress code revisited and pajama pants will be allowed at school so long as they meet other criteria for appropriate dress. Significant debate between interested parties. Vandalism reports in bathrooms are down.

**Student Government** (Alden, Kerrington and Will) Sadie pause, goal to reschedule along with Spirit Days. Junior Class still working on Prom preparations. Student Hunger Drive efforts by SGA very positive.

**Website**- (Suzanne) Suzanne has now assumed role for remainder of the year. Will be requesting committee volunteer information to provide smooth transitions in years ahead.

**Winterfest/Springfest**- (Melanie) No update.

**Teacher Recognition**- (Jackie) Thank you messages written for staff by meeting attendees; Mr. McAvoy won raffle drawing!

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### Next Meeting

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February 7, 2022- 6PM *\*note: 1<sup>st</sup> week in February\**

Meeting adjourned by Suzanne at 1901.