

PTSO MEETING MINUTES

Ardrey Kell High School

November 8, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Suzanne B at 1806
Attendance sign-in sheets available.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October PTSO meeting available to meeting attendees for review.

No corrections noted.

Karla S. made motion to approve/Laura B. second.

No objections raised and minutes approved.

President's Report

Suzanne reports:

- All Chair/Co-Chair Committee positions filled for this current school year.
- Thanks extended to all meeting attendees who contributed canned goods for the Thanksgiving drive (BFHFIN and SGA)
- Memorial bracelets have been purchased for Officer Herrera; discussion re: suggestions for payment as students and families purchase bracelets. Proceeds to benefit Officer Herrera's family. PTSO has a new Venmo account. It will be important for purchases to be specific in order to differentiate between sales.
- The Writing Club/Newspaper has requested use of the Venmo account for fundraising sales
- PTSO is already an Amazon Smiles registrant- ideas to promote

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne delivered report provided by Tori:

- Approximately \$20,000 behind in Capital Campaign donations
- Business Venmo account now active, may be used for donations, membership dues, etc.
- Audit of 2020-21 financials complete and no issues identified

Group discussion/questions:

- Possible expense cuts may be needed if revenue does not increase (Number of scholarships, etc.)
- Clarification that Police Officers are NOT paid if they are not present for morning/afternoon shift
- Suggestion for Giving Tuesday push

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising** (Lea)
 - Researched different fundraising platforms, few better than P4SS (already in use)
 - Would like to promote existing Amazon Smile account
 - Requesting anyone interested in a fundraising committee to email Lea, would like to set up meetings for ideas and create a fundraising push
 - Group discussion/questions:
 - Addressing “missing classes”- the pandemic limited opportunities such as Curriculum Night to inform incoming parents about the PTSO.
 - CHMS has had success with a one week push with incentives; list of families who gave
 - Discussed possible student incentives such as party for homerooms with most collected, pass to leave early with Senior Bell, free grade (aka homework pass)
- **Communications** (Janine) -no update
- **Facebook** (Geneva)
 - Fb page has 966 members and counting, many continue to need to answer questions regarding student’s grade level, etc.
 - Geneva requests time when asked to post messages; Jessica C. offered to assist as well as second administrator for the page
- **Harris Teeter/Publix** (Laura/Julia)
 - 822 school members registered at HT- largest in school history!
 - Still important to re-link both HT and Publix accounts, especially before holiday shopping
- **Hospitality** (Jennifer/Leigh Ann)
 - Thank you to all who contributed to the snacks before the 11/3 faculty meeting
- **Monthly Cakes** (Maura)
 - Next date 11/17 (early release day)
- **Picture Day** (Karla/Angela)
 - Make- up Date Nov 10; all students welcome to take another picture if they wish
 - Some students did NOT have proofs sent home, photos lost-students should re-take
 - Volunteers needed for make-up date, see Karla
 - Discussion regarding finding other vendor for next year
- **Scholarships** (Angela/Tori)- no update
- **SLT** (Laura)
 - Celebrations: AK administration has visited almost all classes to date with goal of increasing achievement/identifying opportunities
 - Staff has participated in cultural proficiency exercises such as walking through school and looking for diverse representation. Mural concerns: goal to identify actual students who were painted into model and identify them.
 - Girl Scout Troop 537 gave presentation re: mental health resources; some may become integrated in PE/Health curriculum

-Faculty identified areas for discussion: Dress code- more reminders needed, Dean of Students to work with students on 1:1 level; Cell Phones- AK will continue to allow out at lunch but phones will be taken away during class w/disruptions; Lockout policies to be re-visited

Group discussion/questions:

Tardy marks do not apply when buses are late. The school does monitor and support students with excused tardies in that case. "Here Comes the Bus" app may be helpful; if a bus does not arrive, parents should call (980)343-3605 and a bus will be dispatched, even if it is late.

- **Student Council (SGA)** (Alden, Kerrington)

-Homecoming successful. Senior Tailgate well received. New date TBD.

-Sophomores plan a Gingerbread House decorating contest. Will request PTSO parents for assistance 12/2.

- **Teacher/Staff Recognition** (Jackie)

-All meeting attendees encouraged to write a quick thank you card to a staff member, all cards used as an entry for the monthly staff appreciation raffle. Mrs. Brooks was chosen!

- **Website** (Michele) – no update

- **Winterfest** (Melanie)- still awaiting info, per the ICC likely to have Springfest only

Principal's Report

Ms. Rachel Brand, Dean of Students delivered report on behalf of Mrs. Brooks (at Men's Soccer playoff game)

- Ms. Brand read verbatim the Connect Ed message sent to parents regarding the social media threats against AK. No questions may be entertained at this time because it is in the hands of law enforcement; parents are encouraged again to review all social media activity students are involved with.
- Gossip regarding a student detained in handcuffs or a disturbance at a football game untrue.
- Reminder that no drugs or medications are allowed in backpacks or student belongings. Even Tylenol and Advil must be registered with the school nurse for a student to access there if needed.
- Officer Herrera memorial wristbands purchased. May need PTSO sales assistance, details to follow.
- CMS has approved a Prom and a Sadie Hawkins dance!
- Staffing update: Math 2 teacher hired; another teacher has returned with transportation assistance and use of wheelchair. Counselor Ms. Robinson is on leave-her students (Tho-Z) needing college assistance can reach out to Ms. DeAntonio; for all other issues students may see any counselor.
- Thanks to the PTSO for the monthly cakes and hospitality offerings. Request made for 2 floral arrangements to be delivered to school in honor of National School Psychologist Week.
- No spring graduation date yet.

Open discussion

- Heather M. thanked the PTSO and SGA for the support of BFHFIN. Thanksgiving drive underway.

Next Meeting

December 13, 2021- 6pm in the AK Media Center

Meeting adjourned by Suzanne at 1920.