

# PTSO Minutes

Ardrey Kell High School

9/13/21 Meeting called to order at 1806.

Welcome – 2021-2022 PTSO President, Suzanne Bereis

May 2021 Notes required approval. Move to approve and motion to approve completed.

## **President's update:**

Introduction of this year's PTSO Officers

President – Suzanne Bereis

President Elect – Jessica Collazo

Secretary – Tracy Edmunds

Treasurer – Tori Collins

Asst. Treasurer – Laura Bowden

PTSO by-laws state that the Secretary can only serve for two years. Although position was solicited for, we did not have any takers. By-laws state that the current secretary can stay in the position if a motion to approve occurs. This occurred. Therefore, Tracy Edmunds will continue as Secretary.

There are openings for the following committee chairs and co-chairs. Please email the PTSO website or reach out to Suzanne if interested:

Hospitality (chair/co-chair)

Website (co-chair)

Communications (chair/co-chair)

Suzanne will send out a form to all committee chairs to provide a description of the role. The description should include the number of hours, interactions, time needed at school, etc... Even if you are new to the role, please do the best you can to fill out the form so that future volunteers will have an idea of what to expect when considering volunteering as chair.

Thank you to all open house volunteers. We had approx. 35 families sign up for the PTSO during open house.

Our current fundraising is at approx. \$9000.00. We want to continue to grow this number

Janice Deal has taken over for Lori Lang as Sr. Administrator

The PTSO has funded a 3<sup>rd</sup> officer for the exit on Ardrey Kell, closest to Community House Rd near the football field. This was much needed and both students and faculty have noticed an improvement in being able to exit from this location.

The Treasurer's Report was covered. Please continue to push for PTSO Membership and the Capital Campaign

**Mrs. Brooks Update:**

Thank you for the 3<sup>rd</sup> police officer. This was much needed!

Thank you for the teambuilding event with AK Staff prior to the beginning of the school year. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated this event!

Curriculum night will be virtual this year. Every teacher will make a video with the same content as if they were live. Parents will be able to find their children's teachers' names and click to see the video.

It is a struggle right now for our teachers and administrators at the school. There are approx. 18 teachers out; some on leave and some who have a need to call out due to illness, etc... and there are little-no substitute teachers available. No one is applying to be a substitute teacher right now. As a result, there are multiple capacity issues that teachers and administrators are working through.

To assist with this, the hospitality committee will work on 'thank you' emails and other motivators to help keep morale up.

If anyone knows someone who is qualified and willing to sub, please let them know the school is in need. Requirements are minimal. Check the CMS Website for details

Can Dads do carpool to help alleviate staff from having to do this function? Mrs. Brooks to look into this

There are 'nominate a knight' locations throughout the school for students and staff to recognize staff members

School Improvement Plan:

Increase diverse representation in classrooms, sports, committees, AP, Theater.

In addition to this, we need the PTSO to represent the diversity of the school. We would like our PTSO members to look like our diverse community

**Committee Updates:**

**Communications:** (Open) No Updates

**Facebook:** (Geneva Greene) 945 members, 28 pending. A few posts and likes for the new police officer. Requirements for joining; must provide child's grade and neighborhood

**Fundraising:** (Lea Fletcher/Jackie Gyoerkoe) If anyone has any ideas for fundraising, please share those with the chair/PTSO

**Harris Teeter:** (Laura Richards/Julie Murphy) No Updates

**Hospitality:** (Jennifer Lang) the 1<sup>st</sup> event will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Oct during Mrs. Brooks staff meeting

**Monthly Cakes:** (Maura O'Sullivan) No updates, but would like those to coincide with staff meeting

**Picture Day:** (Karla Stovall/Angela Kennedy) Picture day occurred for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades on 9/8. If you did not receive a form to order, you can order online. Make-up picture day is 10/30. Additionally, Angela Kennedy will be the new chair for the Picture Day Committee, replacing outgoing, Karla Stovall.

**Scholarships:** (Angela Kennedy/Tori Collins) No Updates

**SLT:** (Laura Bowden) First meeting of the year will be on 9/27. No new updates currently

**Student Council:** (Jenna Tomlinson)

Seniors - 10/21 or 10/22 Sr. Tailgate and planning homecoming

Sophomores – planning new student welcome; possibly snow cone truck. They may need funding from the PTSO. They may do a movie night and may ask for funds to rent the projector and screen. This will be an event for all new families to AK no matter the grade

Juniors – bingo night 10/29 in the stadium prior to the away game. May need PTSO funding for prizes

Student council may also need PTSO assistance for fundraising by having members collect funds for their event.

**Teacher Recognition:** (Jackie Gyoerkoe) Miss. Buckley won tonight's recognition

**Website:** (Open) Suzanne freshened it up a bit. She added pictures from Top Golf and a president's corner. If you would like something posted on the website, please give to Michele

**Winterfest:** (Melanie Becker) No Updates

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting October 11, 2021. Planning to have this be a combo PTSO/communications meeting with Mrs. Brooks and open to all parents