



PTSO Meeting Highlights & Action Items
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, 6:30-8pm, AHS Library

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[AHS PTSO on Facebook](#)

Principal's Report

- This is largest 1st PTSO mtg. we've had, and we also have a student representative (Destiny).
- Theme for faculty this year is being "Heroes." The ways the PTSO can help:
 - Support teacher appreciation, recognition and celebration all year long (in addition to May's Teacher Appreciation Week.)
 - Raise money
 - Activate student voices
 - Help AHS be purposeful in making sure all of the diverse pockets of the school are represented. We are a majority minority school for the first time since school founded.
 - Bring in experts to discuss timely health or other topics.
- Great momentum starting the year, re-establishing beneficial, pre-COVID structures and expectations.
 - Class meetings have been held.
 - School body still in flux as some families haven't arrived yet to join community.
- Back to School Night Sept. 15 – an opportunity for PTSO to have presence, raise funds, provide dinner for teachers staying late. There will be State of the School presentation then 7 min. rotations thru each of child's classes.
- Parent Teacher Conferences on two nights: October 19 and 25. Same opportunities above. Signups forthcoming for Zoom or in-person.
- PTSO major updates will be shared thru Mr. Bonham's Sunday night *AHS Weekly Connect* rather than in a separate e-newsletter.
- Announcements (with translation available) will begin this week. Parents can subscribe [here](#) to learn about club activities, etc.

Activity Report

- Meals for teachers provided
 - Wood Grill for faculty and staff at end of last year. School paid for, PTSO planned.
 - Red Hub Food Co. breakfast at beginning of this year.
 - Open House: greatly appreciated the decorating, tabling, food and drinks.
 - Day after Open House grilled the leftover hotdogs for teachers.
 - Lunch for teachers with Wayside chicken with sides/desserts/drinks provided by parents went well. Went thru more food than expected, have more signups next time.
- Parents and students decorated for the first day of school.

Budget

- Current balance is \$2513.00, which includes generous \$700 contribution from Timberwood Grill and the Timberwood family. Please say thanks to them if you go there. We also received \$500 from AHS families' donations!
- Subsidized environmental sciences field trip transportation of \$300 for bus.
 - Going forward PTSO board will review requests for funding more like grant applications.
- Fundraising is a priority. Since PTSO is not a non-profit/registered 501(c)3, money we take in goes through the school, which also provides helpful bookkeeping services. Thus we are not allowed to buy gift cards with funds or use electronic payments like Venmo. Donations to PTSO must include PTSO in the memo line of the check and may be given to front office.
- Ideally we will fundraise sufficiently to avoid using School Board-appropriated funds for teacher dinners.

Upcoming Teacher Meals

- Back to School Night: do the more economical plan of families providing pasta dinners for approximately 225 faculty and staff. Kerri Kirkeide and Jocelyn Pleso will lead.
- For the two Parent-Teacher Conference nights in Oct. the PTSO will provide Costco wraps for first one and pizza for second one.

Action Items

- Hold Board nominations and elections
- Plan food for October Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Fundraise-send memo week before conferences that families may donate while at the school, cash or check.
- Decide on ice cream: Stocking the new freezer in Staff Lounge with ice cream on Wednesdays would be greatly appreciated. Whitney from staff orders. PTSO would pay approximately \$150/order, pick up from Sam's Club, and deliver to freezer.
- Develop process for PTSO funding requests.
- Consider whether we would like to invite more students to participate in PTSO. PTSO Student Representative, Destiny, can help with this.

Major PTSO Areas

- Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality
- Communications, e.g. Facebook, *AHS Weekly Connect*, social media
- Community Engagement
- Fundraising
- [ACPS Parent Council](#) (also [here](#)) engagement. This is a group of one representative from each ACPS school. Need a representative to attend monthly mtgs. and report back to PTSO. Next meeting Sept. 21 at Crozet Elementary.
- Safety Council for AHS being formed. Contact Mr. Bonham if you are interested.

Spirit Wear for Sale

- Magnets: \$3
- Pop Sockets: \$8
- T-shirts: new Athletic Director [Lisa Bendall](#) is organizing.

Next Meeting

- Meetings will be held first Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8pm.
- Next meeting Tues. Oct. 4, 6:30-8pm.
- Virtual vs. in-person is under discussion.

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Tonite's Meeting Agenda

ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)
AGENDA
Tuesday Sept 6, 2022 6:30-8:00

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Principal's Report
- III. Activity Report
 - A. Review of August events
 1. Teacher First Day Breakfast (8/15)
 2. Open House (8/18)
 3. Teacher Luncheon (8/22)
 4. Leftover Hot dogs (8/23)
 5. First day of school decorating (8/23)
 - B. Upcoming Events
 1. Back to School Dinner (9/15)
 2. Parent-Teacher Conferences (10/19, 10/25)
- IV. Treasury report
- V. BOARD VACANCIES: ALL POSITIONS
- VI. Spirit Wear
- VII. Comments and Questions