

## **Ames PTA Meeting Minutes September 7, 2012**

### **Teacher's Report, Mrs. Danielle Munson –**

Mrs. Munson thanked all of the parents and PTA for their help at the end of the 2012 school year. She also thanked the PTA board for the very helpful teacher's budget. The Ames teaching staff loves the new building and looks forward to a great school year.

### **Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –**

- Principal Lieggi welcomed everyone to a new school year and thanked everyone for all of the cooperation and support at the end of the school year last year.
- Mrs. Lieggi thanked the PTA Board for the first day of school assembly. The German Wheel was very entertaining!
- Principal Lieggi highlighted some of the Ames renovations including white boards in all classrooms, projection systems in all classrooms, room darkening shades, new tile, new hardwood floors, lunch on the first floor, library/office switched, new phone/pa system, an ELL classroom, a Quest classroom and a science lab for all students.
- The gym floor should be completed by September 24th.
- Ames enrollment is currently 320 children.
- Mrs. Lieggi reported that Ms. Bursich and her class are participating in a Looping Pilot. Research indicates that students achieve at higher levels when they have the same teacher for 2-3 years. Ms. Bursich's fourth grade class has continued on with her to fifth grade. Data will be collected to determine the effects of "looping" Ms. Bursich's class and based on the data Principal Lieggi may continue this practice in other future classrooms.
- Principal Lieggi welcomed all back to Ames and looks forward to a great year!

### **Nurse's Report, Mrs. Sonya Lewis –**

Ames' nurse Sonya Lewis gave a report on head lice. The months of August through October are the peak season for lice. She encourages all parents to do a weekly check on their children. Itchiness of the scalp is usually the first sign of lice. Lice are not harmful and do not cause disease. Lice do not jump or fly but they are highly contagious via shared hats, brushes or combs. Pamphlets and additional information about head lice are available in the nurse's office.

### **Officer's Report, Co-Presidents Lisa Hennelly and Deanna Hall –**

- Lisa Hennelly and Deanna Hall thanked everyone who has signed up to volunteer for the upcoming school year. Additional volunteer opportunities are still available.
- The Audit results for the 2011/12 budget were reported by Tracy Stanard.
- The Ames PTA Budget for 2012/13 was discussed and approved.
- Spirit Wear sales will run from September 6th until the 28th.

- Market Day continues this year and September orders are due by September 7 (paper) and September 8 (online).
- The Innisbrook sale will run from September 10th until October 9th.
- Moey Dvorak is organizing Room Representatives for all classrooms. Please contact her if interested.

Gelse Tkalec provided a RAIN report. RAIN is a parent driven District 96 committee providing support and information for the special needs community. RAIN meets monthly and all are welcome. A resource fair will be held November 3rd. Please contact Gelse Tkalec for additional information.

The search for a new District 96 Superintendent is currently under way. All parents are encouraged to complete the Superintendent Search Survey which can be found on the district website.

Thank you to all our 2011/12 Board members, committee chairs, room representatives and parent volunteers. Thank you to Flavio Gonzalez for organizing a wonderful first day of school assembly and to Lisa Carlson and Riverside Foods for the first day of school popsicles – the kids really enjoyed the treats!