

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes October 2, 2012

A motion was made to approve the PTA meeting minutes from the May 11, 2012 meeting and the September 7, 2012 meeting. The motion was approved.

Teacher's Report, Patty Prodanich, Library Media Specialist –

- Mrs. Prodanich is the new Library Media Specialist for District 96. She previously worked in the Blythe and Hollywood libraries.
- There will be district-wide changes in the library program this year. Students will be given more opportunities to check books out of the library. For grades 1-5, there will be a more flexible library schedule with visits taking place twice a week. There will no longer be story time in the library. Classroom reading opportunities will be available for parents, and the library will still need parent volunteers to assist students in finding “just right” books and shelving. More information will be available soon.
- Lisa Swicionis is the Library Coordinator for all classrooms.

Administrator's Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi commented that she is excited about the district's new library program.
- Mrs. Lieggi thanked those who attended Fall Parent Night.
- Principal Lieggi announced that sign-up for Parent Teacher Conferences on November 19 will take place online. An email with all of the details will soon follow.
- The Science Exploratory Room is being set up by the Ames Leadership team. The theme for the room will be “Think Like Scientists,” and the scientific method will be used. Each grade level will study two units using the science room. Due to Allergies, the room will only have life-cycle animals such as chicks, ducks, butterflies and insects. There will also be a designated rocks and minerals area with magnifying glasses.
- Principal Lieggi will be meeting with students in their PE classes to discuss personal goals for fitness and running marathons as well as running for charities.

Officers Report, Lisa Hennelly and Deanna Rosenbaum –

- Lisa Hennelly announced that there are currently 120 Ames PTA members.
- District 96 calendars have been distributed and directories should be available soon.

Treasurer's Report, Lisa Hennelly –

Lisa Hennelly provided the Treasurer's Report this month. Due to outstanding fundraising efforts, our budget is strong. The budget can be viewed on the Ames PTA website.

Fundraising Report, Lisa Swicionis –

- Lisa Swicionis reported that the Spirit Wear sale was successful with over 100 orders placed.
- September Market Day orders earned approximately \$133.00 with a year to date total of \$471.00. November is Pie Month. Ames receives additional money based on the number of pies ordered. Please order pies for your holiday needs.
- The Innisbrook Sale ends October 9th.
- Square One Art is in process. Order dates will be October 26th through November 9th with delivery taking place in time for Christmas.

There will be a Halloween Assembly and Mad Scientist performance on October 31st at 1:15 p.m.

Ames Family Movie Night will take place on Friday, November 2nd. Doors open at 6:30. Come and enjoy the fun!