

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2011

A motion was made to approve the May 3, 2011 and September 2, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Gelse Tkalec gave a presentation on R.A.I.N., a community group that brings together families of children with disabilities and provides support, information and resources. All are welcome and volunteers are needed. Please contact Gelse if interested or with any questions.

Judy Dalton, District 96 Head Nurse, gave a presentation on head lice and lice prevention. She noted that lice actually prefer clean hair and heads, and the main season for head lice is August thru October. Ms. Dalton suggested children use their own pillows at sleepovers and use their own helmets during sports and never share combs or brushes in an effort to prevent lice. If a case of lice is found in the district, a note will be sent home to the class of the affected student as well as any siblings' class. Please feel free to contact the school nurse if you have any questions concerning lice or wish to have your child checked.

Judy Dalton also discussed flu prevention and policies. If a student has an elevated temperature of 100 degrees or above, he or she will be sent home. If a child is out of school for 3 days or more, a doctor's note will be needed in order for the student to return to school. The nurses would also like to be informed if a student has a confirmed case of strep throat. Ms. Dalton further stressed the importance of washing hands and covering a cough in order to prevent illness.

Teacher's Report, Angela Bursich –

- Ms. Bursich discussed the Ames Newspaper. Students in grades 3-5 can participate. Each teacher selects 6 students from these grades and there are 3 sessions of the publication which begins in November. Participating students use various forms of technology and increase writing skills by authoring informational and persuasive articles. The papers are hand delivered to each class.

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi discussed the proposed renovations for Ames school which will take place this upcoming summer. Possible renovations include new heating and air conditioning systems with a thermostat in each classroom

and a new gym floor. The proposed plan is available for viewing on the District 96 website. The final decision will be made at the February Board Meeting.

- Grandparents Day will be held on October 27th. This is a very popular event and all are encouraged to attend.
- Veteran's Day is November 11th, and the program will be held in the afternoon this year beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- The Global Learning committee for District 96 is meeting regularly and has a goal of one project per grade level next year.

Officer's Report, Lisa Freel and Lisa Hennelly –

- Joan Kanatas gave a report on the Art Guides program which she chairs with Janet Schill and Nancy Moyer. They have revamped the program making it more focused. Art Guides will now be covering only one or two artists per grade per year. Volunteers are needed, please contact Joan if interested.
- Ames Directories will be available by mid – October for all PTA members.
- The Fall Festival and Auction will be held at the Riverside Golf Club this year on Friday, November 11th. This is a wonderful evening for Ames parents and staff, and funds the cultural arts program for two years. Great auction items will be available, please plan to attend!

Ames Veteran's Day Program Friday, 11/11 at 1:30

FALL AUCTION FRIDAY, 11/11/11, 7:00

Board of Education Meeting at Hauser Tuesday, 11/15 at 7:30

Square One orders due Wednesday, 11/16

PUMPED Celebration Wednesday, 11/16

Report Cards Friday, 11/18

Spirit Day/Bank at School Friday, 11/18

Parent Teacher Conferences Monday, 11/21

Teacher Institute Day Tuesday, 11/22

Thanksgiving Holiday Wednesday – Friday, 11/23-11/25