

AMES PTA MEETING  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010

A motion was put forward to approve PTA minutes from May 4, 2010. The minutes were approved.

Mrs. Danielle Munson spoke as the teacher representative. She thanked the parents for sending their children to school ready and eager to learn. She also thanked the PTA for funding the purchase of higher level books (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) for the Reading Specialist.

District 96 nurses Judi Dalton and Cyndi Murray gave a presentation on Head Lice Prevention. Information on the prevention of head lice will be posted on the district website. Parents can also get additional information at [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org). A letter will also be sent home to all parents in the district at the end of September reminding parents that it is head lice season and offering information on preventative measures.

Administration Report, Principal Lieggi –

- Thank you to everyone for a great start to the 2010/2011 Ames school year
- Thank you to the PTA for an inspiring First Day Assembly and popsicles
- An Ames Running Club is going to begin in September for students in grades 3-5. Colleen Lieggi and Kate Nolan will be leading the club which will meet one day per week to run and discuss healthy living.
- A Math Facts group will also be introduced at Ames. Mrs. Allen and several parents are leading the group which will begin in October.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in the Trout Project in conjunction with Riverside-Brookfield High School. The students will study the life cycle of trout and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will partner with RB Freshman to promote environmental awareness and critical thinking. Mrs. Lauren Allen organized and will run this project.
- Grandparents Day at Ames will be held October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- As part of staff development, Principal Lieggi visited Apple headquarters during the summer to discuss the District 96 5<sup>th</sup> grade Laptop Initiative. Our district is at the forefront in classroom technology. Principal Lieggi presented an I-Movie on Apple's Twenty First Century Learning Initiative stressing the importance of teaching our students to be comfortable with and knowledgeable in technology. Beginning in January, Ames will have one cart of iPod Touch and one cart with I pads. All students will have access to these for various learning applications.

Co President Jen Kaiser announced that a Creative Learning Team will be introduced in District 96. Parent volunteers from Ames are needed for this committee concerning special education. If interested, please contact Jen Kaiser or Lisa Freel.

A motion was put forward to approve the budget for 2010/2011 and the budget was approved. Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel discussed the budget, noting that a decrease in fundraising results and an increase

in students have strained the PTA budget. Some events have been eliminated, such as Fun Lunch, while new fundraisers may be introduced including the following:

- Market Day - Lisa Swiciois and Tiffany Agne have generously agreed to run the program. Market Day purchases will be offered four times per year and will begin in October.
- Target Red Card – Please designate Ames as your school at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) and Target will donate 1% of your red card purchases to Ames.
- Box Tops – Ames is looking for a parent to organize a contest between classrooms to encourage Box Top participation. Please contact Lisa Freel if you are interested. This program is an easy way for Ames PTA to raise money for the students.
- Spirit Wear – Forms are due by Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Innisbrook Gift Wrap – Order forms went home with students on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due October 6<sup>th</sup> and are to be completed online and payments should be turned in at school.

Ames and District 96 are now completely paperless. Please be sure to check E-backpack and sign up for Feedblitz for important school and PTA information.

There will be 3 openings on the District 96 School Board next year. Any interested candidate should start the process of running now. This is an important time to serve on the School Board because Dr. Laberson and Dr. Limperis will be retiring in the next 4 years, and the Board will be filling their positions.

REEF will need 2 new board members next year.

The Music Faculty Concert will be held Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Hauser Auditorium.

#### Thank you's –

- Joan Kanatas for getting the township grant which funded books for the leveled reading library and fans in the gym
- Lisa Carlson and Lindsay Hayes for running the gift wrap program
- Michelle Bushe and Karen Dachota for handling Spirit Wear sales
- Karen Quinn for taking over the Directory
- Kris Taber for getting Ames t-shirts for our incoming Kindergarteners
- Maura Harrington for donating to Ames PTA to fund the Breakfast Club Program
- Lisa Swicionis and Tiffany Agne for running Market Day

#### Announcements –

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| Fall MAP Testing                  | Monday, September 13-Friday, September 24 |
| Music Faculty Recital - Hauser    | Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00           |
| School Spirit Day/Bank at School  | Friday, September 17                      |
| Board of Education Meeting – Ames | Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30             |
| Movie Night                       | Friday, September 24 at 6:30              |
| Be-Fit Begins                     | Friday, October 1                         |
| Ames Aims Deadline                | Friday, October 1                         |
| Little Symphony – Hauser          | Monday, October 4 at 10:00 am             |
| Ames PTA Meeting                  | Tuesday, October 5 at 8:45                |
| Ames Gift Wrap Ends               | Wednesday, October 6                      |

Green Wheel Day  
Grandparents Day  
Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day  
NO SCHOOL – Institute Day  
Spirit Day/Bank at School  
Board of Education Meeting – Hollywood  
Halloween Assembly and Parade

Wednesday, October 6  
Thursday, October 7 at 8:30 – 9:30  
Friday, October 8 11:30 am  
Monday, October 11  
Tuesday, October 12  
Friday, October 15  
Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm  
Friday, October 29 at 1:00 pm