

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2012

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2012 PTA meeting. The motion was approved.

Teacher's Report, Mrs. Carol Murphy –

- Mrs. Murphy thanked the PTA for all of its support including financial support for field trips and for assistance with packing classrooms. She also thanked everyone responsible for promoting Ames Math Night. Mrs. Murphy also shared that the great relationship between teachers and the PTA is one reason Ames school thrives.
- A retirement party for Mrs. Murphy and other retiring staff, including Mrs. Ekstrom and Mrs. Bieshke, will be held on May 24th from 3:05 to 4:30 at Ames.

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Mrs. Lieggi reported that she is currently interviewing for the Art teacher position to replace Mrs. Ekstrom after her retirement this year.
- Principal Lieggi thanked the PTA for Math Night and the Dollar and Cents Assembly.
- Talent Show auditions will be held April 24th and 25th during lunch hour in the gym. Mrs. Orlowski and Mrs. Murphy will serve as judges.

- The Ames Talent Show will be held Thursday, June 7th at the North Riverside Recreation Building. Kindergarten thru 2nd grade watch the performance at 9:00 am and 3rd thru 5th grade watch the show at 1:00 pm.
- PUMPED Field Day will be held on Wednesday, June 6th at RB High School.
- Ames Open House will be held on Thursday, April 26th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.
- The Ames Book Fair will be held on the same day in the gym from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Officer's Report, PTA Co-Presidents Lisa Freel and Lisa Hennelly –

- The current PTA budget is sound and can be viewed at the Ames PTA website.
- Lisa Hennelly reported that the PTA By-Laws need to be reviewed each year per the National PTA guidelines. Lisa along with Angie Reilley reviewed them this year and proposed changes need to be voted on at the May PTA meeting on May 11th. The suggested changes can be reviewed on the PTA website. Please contact Lisa Hennelly with any questions or suggestions.
- The PTA Board for the upcoming 2012/2013 school year was voted on and approved unanimously. A special vote was taken to extend the Secretary position to a 3 year term for Michelle Holman Van Nice. The motion was approved.
- The Board for 2012/2013 is as follows:
 - Co-Presidents Lisa Hennelly and Tracey Hall
 - First Vice President of Fundraising Lisa Swicionis
 - First Vice President of Education and Cultural Arts Favio Gonzales
 - Second Vice President of Room Representatives Maureen Dvorak
 - Second Vice President of Hospitality Lisa Carlson

- Treasurer Tracey Stanard
- Secretary Michelle Holman Van Nice
- Lisa Hennelly reported that school supplies are available now online from The Write Stuff for the 2012/13 school year. Online orders only are available this year due to the closing of Ames for the capital improvements. Please contact Lisa Carlson with any questions.
- All parents are encouraged to watch the Ames PTA feedblitz closely as this school year comes to an end. Due to the preparations for construction at Ames, the upcoming month may be unusually busy with possible changes in schedules occurring.

RAIN Report, Mrs. Gelse Tkalec –

- There was no report given by Mrs. Tkalec this month.

Thank you to Lisa Swicionis for running our Market Day fundraising program, our Flying High and Chicago Steel events as well as the upcoming Book Fair. Thank you to all March Market Day volunteers. Many thanks to Michelle Bushe and Karen Shook for School Spirit Wear and Serina Ranft and Lauren Allen for bringing us another spectacular Ames Science Fair. And much gratitude to Mike and Gloria Sacharski as well as Lauren Allen, Chris Harvalis, Carol Murphy, Sara Hickey and Colleen Lieggi for a fabulous Family Movie Night.

MAY

Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, April 30th to Thursday, May 3rd
 Ames Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, May 3rd at 11:30 am
 Ames 4th and 5th Grade Spring Musical Monday, May 7th at 7:00 pm

Ames PTA Meeting/Installation of Officers	Friday, May 11 th at 8:45 am
Ames Market Day Orders Due	Friday, May 11 th
Board of Education Meeting at Hauser	Tuesday, May 15 th at 7:30 pm
Ames Spirit Day/Bank At School	Friday, May 18 th
Hauser Music Day Tour of Schools	Friday, May 18 th