

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2012

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the December 2, 2011 Ames PTA meeting. The motion was approved.

Teacher' s Report, Carrie Levin -

- Ms. Levin discussed the SEL (Social Emotional Learning) requirements for Illinois. District 96 hopes to implement a new SEL program for all grades K-8 for the 2012/2013 school year. Doing so would provide similar language and expectations for students of all ages, and also reduces behavioral issues among students.

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi -

- Principal Lieggi thanked the Western Springs Community Theater for their work with the Ames students as part of the Cultural Arts program.
- Mrs. Lieggi related that the 2012/2013 school calendar will be chosen at the District 96 Board meeting on February 21st. All drafts can be viewed on the D96

website. Please contact the Board with any input or concerns.

- The D96 Global Learning Committee, comprised of both teachers and parents, is putting together lesson plan suggestions and will present them to the Board. The plans will be incorporated into the curriculum next school year.
- The World Language Committee is also meeting to discuss teaching a foreign language to D96 students. The committee will present its recommendations to the Board and the Board will then vote. The World Language curriculum would be implemented in the 2013/2014 school year.
- Due to the Capital Improvements, summer school in District 96 may only be offered online this year.
- A meet and greet for Quest parents will take place on February 13th at 6:00 with current Quest instructor Cindy Vitek.
- Kindergarten Information Night will take place on March 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

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

- Lisa Freel and Lisa Hennelly reported that the D96 Board meeting on Tuesday, February 21st will be an important meeting because the Board will make the final vote on Capital Improvements. Please look at the

plans online and contact the Board with any input or suggestions.

- The Flying High Parent' s Night Out fundraiser for Ames PTA will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 7:30 - 10:30. The cost is \$15.00 in advance or \$20 at the door. All Ames students are invited to attend.
- Market Day continues to be a successful fundraiser and has earned the Ames PTA \$1,503.34 to date.
- Spring Spirit Wear will be available for order soon and will include some new, seasonal items. Watch for more information.
- Family Math Night has had a date change and will now be held on April 11th. Volunteers are needed!
- Donuts With Dads has also had a date change and will be held on April 18th at 7:30 am.
- The Ames Book Fair will take place on April 26th.

R.A.I.N. Report, Gelse Tkalec -

- Gelse Tkalec discussed Special Education in District 96 and stated that R.A.I.N. would like to see the program reviewed and revamped by the Board since it has been 6 year since the last review. The D96 Board has now agreed to review both the Special Education and Quest Program for the district.

Thank you -

- Phyllis Lukas for arranging our Artist in Residence Week with the Community Theater of Western Springs.
- Lisa Swicionis for running our super successful Market Day fundraising program and to all of the volunteers!
- The Ames staff who donated their time, energy, and sleep to give us our most successful Fall Festival auction item - the Ames Sleepover! The staff that made this a great night includes Colleen Lieggi, Clare Orr, Danielle Munson, Lauren Allen-Pilasiewicz, Chris Harvalis and Amy Wright.

Announcements -

March:

Kindergarten Information Night	Thursday, March 1st
End of Trimester/Report Cards	Friday, March 2 nd
ISAT Testing	Tuesday, March 6 th - Friday, March 9 th
Ames PTA meeting	Tuesday, March 6 th at 6:00
Ames Market Day Orders Due	Friday, March 9 th
Market Day Pick Up	Wednesday, March 14 th
Ames St. Patrick's Day Festival	Friday, March 16 at 2:00
Spirit Day/Bank At School	Friday, March 16 th
Election Day Bake Sale	Tuesday, March 20 th

Board of Education Meeting at Hauser Tuesday, March 20th

Ames Science Fair Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL Monday, March 26 - Friday, March 30