

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2011

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi thanked the PTA Board for their time and commitment during the 2010/2011 school year.
- She also thanked the Medieval Math team of Angie and Mike Reilley, Christine Kawiecki and Michelle Udelson. Next year the Readers R Leaders program will be the focus again, alternating each year between math and reading.
- Thank you also to for all of the Teacher Appreciation efforts and food for the staff.
- Principal Lieggi noted that there will be a Quest meeting at Ames for all interested parents on May 4, 2011.
- On Wednesday, June 1st the Ames Award Assembly will take place at 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, June 2nd is the Fifth Grade Clap out and the last day of school is Friday, June 3rd.

A motion was made to approve the April 5, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

Teacher's Report, Mr. Chris Harvalis –

- The Fifth grade class will hold a fundraiser for Japan on May 27th. Breakfast will be served to raise money for disaster relief. The students initiated this fundraiser and are using their technology skills to promote the event.

Reflections Program Update –

- The theme for Reflections this year was “Together We Can”. Eight Ames students participated and three went to state. The participants include Charles Vacek, Olivia Moyer, Lucia Faust, Ana Cubas, Evan Moyer, Elaina Raffesperger-Schill, Joe Jaquat and Sara Vacek.

Riverside Recreation Presentation –

- Teresa Mrozik and Ron Malchiodi from the Riverside Parks and Recreation department gave a presentation on the current programs available. The Rec Department is trying to add various programs to better fill the needs of the community and is seeking feedback and suggestions from residents.

Officer’s Report, PTA Co-Presidents, Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel –

- The PTA officers for the 2011/12 school year were introduced. A motion was made and seconded to install the new board. The Officers are listed as follows:
 - Co-Presidents – Lisa Hennelly and Lisa Freel
 - First VP – Cultural Arts and Educational Programs – Phyllis Lukas
 - First VP – Fundraising – Lisa Swicionis
 - Second VP – Room Representatives – Maureen Dvorak
 - Second VP – Hospitality – Lisa Carlson
 - Secretary – Michelle Holman Van Nice
 - Treasurer – Jen Kaiser
- Volunteers are needed for various Committee Chair positions including Math Night, Market Days and Be-Fit Program.
- The Fundraising update reveals that the Flying High fundraiser was a great success and raised \$663.00 for the PTA. The “Race To

Nowhere” movie screening was well attended and moderated by Principal Lieggi. The PTA broke even on this event.

- Thank you to current board members who will be leaving including Lisa Muldowney, Susan Georgopulos and Joan Kanatas. Also a special thank you to Jen Kaiser for two years as PTA President.

Dr. Lamberson thanked everyone at the meeting for another great school year. He also mentioned that he is putting together a plan for improvements at all five buildings in District 96.

Thank You –

- Michelle Udelson and Joan Kanatas for their work on the Be-Fit program
- Lisa Carlson for ordering school supplies
- Mike and Angie Reilley, Michelle Udelson and Christine Kawiecki for organizing Medieval Math
- Nancy Moyer for the Reflections program
- Lisa Carlson, Joan Kanatas and Michelle Udelson for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week
- Lisa Swicionis and Julie O’Brien for a great Flying High Event
- Lisa Swicionis, Jen Kaiser, Andy Agne, Phyllis Lukas, Lisa Hennelly and Alan Keller for their quick action and hard work on the last minute idea to host a screening of the documentary “Race To Nowhere”
- Brooke Schwarz and Principal Lieggi for the Ames Talent Show

Announcements –

May –

Spring Music Program(grades 4-5)

Monday, May 9th at 7:00

Afternoon Ames Talent Show

Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00

Evening Ames Talent Show

Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00

June –

Awards Assembly

Wednesday, June 1st at 10:00

Fifth Grade Clap Out

Thursday, June 2nd at 2:15

Last Day of School

Friday, June 3rd