

## Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2011

### Teacher's Report, Mr. Chris Harvalis –

- Mr. Harvalis thanked the PTA for sponsoring a wonderful first day assembly on behalf of all the teachers and stated that they are all looking forward to a great school year.
- Mr. Harvalis also announced that he is working on his Master's Degree in Administration and will be participating in an Administration Internship with Principal Colleen Lieggi.

### Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi thanked the PTA Board for an outstanding first day assembly featuring Matt Wilhelm. She also stated that the PTA sign-up on the first day of school was a great success.
- Principal Lieggi reported that the Ames staff watched an imovie on the importance of engaging students with technology now that students are digital learners. She then screened the film for the PTA meeting attendees.
- The Ames teaching staff read the book *Fred Factor* by Mark Sandborn during the summer. This book stresses that success is built on relationships and that everyone can make a difference. The stronger the teacher/student relationship is, the more the students will excel.
- Principal Lieggi proudly announced that Ames school is a 2011 Illinois State Board of Education Honor School. Ninety six percent of Ames students scored "Meets or Exceeds Expectations" in reading and math on the ISAT tests for three years.

- Ames will promote the Pumped Behavior Program again this year and hold 3 celebrations throughout the school year.
- The Students Who Stand Out Program will also continue this year with teachers choosing two students per month to have lunch with Principal Lieggi.
- A new milk program has been initiated at Ames with parents paying for milk per trimester or on a yearly basis.

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

- District 96 Calendars will be distributed mid-September. Please see Lisa Freel if you wish to join the PTA.
- Treasurer Jen Kaiser gave a report on the budget for the 2011/2012 school year. The budget can be viewed on the Ames PTA website at [www.amespta.org](http://www.amespta.org). A motion was made and seconded to approve the current budget.
- Brooke Schwarz gave a report on the Ames Fall Auction which will be held at the Riverside Golf Club on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. Dancing, dinner and the auction will be featured. The Fall Auction funds the Ames Cultural Arts program for two years. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Brooke if interested.
- Lisa Swicionis discussed the Market Day fundraising program which will now be held monthly at Ames. Volunteers are need for the delivery dates. Please see Lisa. Any purchase made at the Sara Lee Outlet also benefits Ames PTA. Please remember to mention Ames when you make a purchase.
- The Target Red Card fundraiser continues with Ames receiving 5% of your purchase amount when you use the Target credit card. Sign up is available in stores or online.
- Spirit Wear will be headed by Karen Shook and Michelle Bushe this year with many great new items available.

- Lisa Carlson is running the Innisbrook Giftwrap fundraiser again this year and all students who sell an item will receive a prize. Lisa needs volunteers once the paper arrives. Please contact her if interested.
- Lisa Hennelly will organize the Box Tops for Education fundraiser. Turn in your Box Tops in increments of 10 with the student's name marked clearly on the front of the bag. There will be a monthly raffle and an end of the year party for the class that collects the most Box Tops as well as a prize for the family that has collected the most by year's end. Many valuable coupons are available if you sign up online.
- Lisa Hennelly reported that every year the Ames PTA By-laws need to be reviewed. A committee is needed to do so and volunteers should contact Lisa if interested.
- The Ames PTA has moved the meeting day to Friday this year in hopes that more people will be available to attend. Additionally, there will be only 2 evening meetings this year as attendance has historically been very low for the night meetings. If this trend continues, all meetings will be held during the day next year.
- The Music Faculty Concert will be held Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Hauser Auditorium.

Thank you –

- Everyone who volunteered to chair and serve on the PTA committees. We couldn't do it without you!
- Joan Kanatas and Michelle Van Nice for their hard work on the getting the township grant for playground equipment for each class.
- Pam Foy, Joan Halvey, Karen Shook, Brooke Schwarz, Lisa Carlson, Lisa Swicionis, Jen Kaiser, Phyllis Lukas, Maureen Dvorak and

Michelle Van Nice for donating your time and talents to make the first PTA Open House a success.

- Susan Georgopulos, Vicki Manchen and Brooke Schwarz for taking on the planning and running of the 2011 Ames Fall Auction.
- Lisa Carlson for all of the hard work and creativity she puts into running the gift wrap program year after year.
- Karen Shook and Michelle Bushe for handling and promoting the Spirit Wear sales.
- Karen Quinn for putting together the Ames Directory again.
- Lisa Swicionis for her commitment to facilitating and running Market Day for another year.

#### Announcements –

September:

Gift Wrap Sales Begin	Tuesday, September 6
Ames Spirit Wear Sales Begin	Wednesday, September 7
Picture Day	Thursday, September 8
Market Day Orders Due	Friday, September 9
Fall MAP Testing	September 12 <sup>th</sup> – September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ames Fall Parent Night	Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00
Market Day Pick Up	Wednesday, September 14
School Spirit Day/Bank at School	Friday, September 16
Board of Education Meeting – Hauser	Tuesday, 9/20 at 7:30 pm
Board of Education Meeting – Ames	Wednesday, 9/21 at 7:30 pm

October:

Ames Aimes Deadline	Friday, October 1
Ames Spirit Wear Deadline	Monday, October 3rd
Ames PTA Meeting	Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00
Ames Gift Wrap Ends	Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>
Be-Fit Begins	Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>
Market Day Orders Due	Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>
Early Release-Parent/Teacher Conference	Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>
NO SCHOOL –COLUMBUS DAY	Monday, October 10
NO SCHOOL – INSTITUTE DAY	Tuesday, October 11
Little Symphony – Hauser	Wednesday, October 12
Ames Movie Night	Friday, October 14 at 6:30
CoGAT Testing	October 17 – October 28
Board of Education – Hauser	Tuesday, 10/18 at 7:30 pm
Ames Aimes Deadling	Friday, October 21
Spirit Day/Bank at School	Friday, October 21
Grandparents Day	Thursday, 10/27 at 8:30
Halloween Assembly and Parade	Monday, 10/31 at 1:00

\*\*\*\*AMES FALL AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011\*\*\*\*

