

**Ames PTA Meeting  
March 4, 2010**

Call to Order 6:06 pm

Nancy Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2010 and Lisa Freel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Officers Report**

- Nominations for the PTA Board
- Karen Dachota read the slate for the 2010-2011 school year
  - Co-Presidents – Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Cultural Arts) – Lisa Muldowney
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Educational Programs) – Joan Kanatas
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Room Representative and Membership) Susan Georgopoulos
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Hospitality) – Lisa Hannelley
  - Secretary – Michelle Van Nice
  - Treasurer – Phyllis Lukas
- We are looking for volunteers to chair the following committees: Green Wheel Days, Halloween snacks, Reflections program, and the Ames Aims Newsletter. Contact Jen Kaiser or Steph Schulte if you are interested
- Readers R Leaders – Keep reading and earn chances to participate in the end of the year Dunk Tank party. The party will be as close to the end of the year as possible so teachers don't freeze

**Administrative Report – Principal Lieggi**

- Thank you to our new and returning board members for next year
- The ISATs take place this week. Makeup tests take place next week
- The St. Patrick's Day assembly will take place on March 17 at 2pm
- Our Open House is on April 15
- Ames is working on a school wide math facts incentive program. Parental input is welcome.
- The KITE program will go from five to two days per week next year. Nicole Kinkin will not be returning
- Teachers will be going into the bargaining process in the Spring. Colleen Lieggi will be on the panel
- New student registration will take place between May 3 and June 4. The registration will be online and e-pay may be used for registration
- Do the 2010 Census. There are 10 questions that take 10 minutes to answer
- There are a few issues with E-Backpack. A letter will be sent to the District from the PTA Presidents
- Kindergarten information meeting takes place tonight in the gym
- Ames will be doing more with guided reading groups next year
- Assuming enrollment numbers are as expected, the two Kindergarten classrooms will be converted back into one classroom next year
- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up. Consider sending a letter to the principal, teacher and board in recognition of your child's teacher

A vote is needed to move \$500 to the school gift fund to cover library books. The vote passed.

Thank you to:

- Mr. Harvalis for a great presentation on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Laptop Initiative at the last PTA meeting
- Ms. Lieggi, Ms. Bursich, Mrs. Bereckis, Mrs. Munson, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Stephens for a helpful and informative ISAT presentation
- Susan Georgopoulos for a fantastic, fun and educational Geography Night
- Angie and Mike Reilley for another great sundae party for Readers R Leaders
- Kate Nolan and her helpers for a fun and successful Book Fair
- Becky Levine and her helpers for the Election Day Bake Sale, which raised over \$335
- Karen Dachota for coordinating the Reflections Program
- Irene and Vasko, our Ames School custodians for their hard work
- Pan and Phil Foy for providing bowls and spoons for breakfast club
- Nancy Moyer for providing dinner for the Board of Education meeting at Ames last month
- All the volunteers who helped at the Early Childhood Screening

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm

Announcements:

Spring Break	Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2
School supply sale begins	Monday, April 5
Band/Orchestra Concert	Tuesday April 6 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm
PTA Meeting/Election of Officers	Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm
Be Fit Ends	Wednesday, April 7
School spirit/Bank at school	Friday, April 9
Band Concert at Hauser	Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm
School supply sales ends/Ames Aims deadline	Wednesday, April 14
5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at Hauser	Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm
Spring Open House	Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm
Early Release/AM Kindergarten Only	Friday, April 16 at 11:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> grade games night at Hauser	Friday, April 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Board of Education Meeting at Blythe	Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm
Orchestra Concert at Hauser	Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm
Choir Concert at Hauser	Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 pm