

## Ames PTA Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2014

Call to order at 7:08 pm.

Miss Bursich presented a teacher's report updating the PTA that plate spinning was the competition for the upcoming, March 21<sup>st</sup> pumped celebration. Field day planning has started and will be held at Ames. Look for more information coming.

Mr. Gierman presented a principals report. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades have completed two session of reading and math ISATs.

Work has begun across the district for aligning the math curriculum to the common core standards.

Mrs. Goletz hosted the Winter Olypic Games during PE classes.

K & 1<sup>st</sup> Graders celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with math and literacy activities.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are studying art and culture from India.

4<sup>th</sup> graders had a Southeast region taste test

Smarty Pants and the Mouse Trap Machine science assembly covered the five essential simple machines (Lever, wheel, pulley, inclined plane and screw) and how they worked.

Science fair and reptile show will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Artist in Residnece week of March 17<sup>th</sup> and week of March 31<sup>st</sup>

Student council is hosting another Culvers Night on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5-8pm

Ames Facebook and Twitter pages are like a newsletter and yearbook all rolled into one, and Mr. Gierman encourages everyone to visit the Ames facebook page.

Minutes were not approved due to low member turn-out. Will approve next month.

Lisa Swicionis and Deanna Hall provided the Presidents' report. District speaker will be here on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Hauser and April 1<sup>st</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Village Hall.

Proposed calendars for school year 2014-2015 have been sent out by the district. Parents should vote on which calendar they prefer.

Talent show survey received 40 responses in favor of running the program again. 12 or so parents have volunteered to run the show. Talent show will be held this year provided the committee can get things up an running. More information will be coming after the committee meets.

The 2014-2015 nomination committee nominates Kirsten Bell in the role of VP of Hospitality and Tiffany Agne as VP Room Reps. We are still looking for a Co-president. Voting on officers will happen at next month's meeting so please attend.

School lunch update. At the last meeting, many parents expressed concerns about the amount of time their children have to eat their lunches. At this time, any parents who have concerns should contact Mr. Gierman and he will work with the family and the child on the lunch time situation.

Tracy Stanard, Treasures report. Tracy received a check in the amount of \$100 from Dick's donuts as a return donation from what he sold during the Ames Family Dance.

Field trip deposits are starting to come in.

Junior Great books will be slightly over budget this year as we had many more participants and need to order more and replace some books and we would like all participants to be able to have a pizza party or other celebration so those will put us slightly above budget.

Roller skating party and library books are paid.

Fundraising Report. Kirsten Bell spoke regarding upcoming Market Day orders. Orders are down for this year, not sure if it is just a fluke with winter or a bigger change with Costco. Next year, Market day will package orders in groups so that parent volunteers won't be needed for coordinating each order. May consider a delivery service.

Flavio Gonzalez, Artist in Residence update. All artists are booked, Mrs. Klaus has worked with Mr. Gierman to put together a schedule and will be needing volunteers for each class.

No R.A.I.N. update was provided, but any questions can be directed to Paige Fumo-Fox.

Please see other upcoming events happening in the District and at Ames. Spring break is the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Next PTA meeting is the week we are back from Spring break, held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.