

**Ames PTA Meeting  
May 4, 2010**

Call to Order 8:53 am

Karen Dachota is recognizing the Reflections Awards recipients. Thirteen kids participated, and four entries were chosen to go to tour at the state level. The participants will receive a Dr. Pizza gift card, and those kids whose artwork went to state will get a pin. The following students participated:

Charles Vacek	Ana Cubas
Olivia Moyer	Alyssa Schwarz
Mia Kanatas	Jocelyn Navarro
Mollie Adams	Sara Vacek
Lucia Faust	Evan Moyer
Alex Lukas	Glenn Quinn
Elaina Raffensperger-Schill	

Approval of minutes from the April 6, 2010 PTA meeting. A motion to approve was made by Michelle Van Nice. The motion passed.

Teacher Representative Ms. Allen

- Thank you for the card of thanks you sent for the Ames Science Fair
- The Student Council Fundraiser forms are due on Thursday, May 6

Administrative Report – Principal Lieggi

- Testing for QUEST takes place today (based on MAP and CogAT test scores)
- Friday, May 8 is a Teacher Institute Day. The Ames staff will be building next year's class list and scheduling
- Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week
- The Talent Show Rehearsals take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week
- Wednesday, May 26 is the PUMPED Field Day
- The Awards Assembly takes place on Tuesday, June 1
- The clap out will take place on June 1 at 2:50 pm
- June 2 is the last day of school
- Nicole Kinkin will work with Mrs. Hickey in Kindergarten part time next year
- We are still interviewing for the bilingual position

Officers Report

- There are a few areas on the budget that we need to vote on.
  - The PTA voted to increase the Cultural Arts budget by \$2,800. The motion passed
  - We voted to increase the Junior Great Books budget by \$300. The motion passed
  - We also voted to increase the Landscaping budget by \$400. The motion passed.
- Crossing Guard update
  - Jen Kaiser reviewed information from the PLT meeting. The Board of Education attorney advised the Board on the Village's crossing guard proposal, which would ask the District to take on the cost of the crossing guards but have the Village manage the guards

- The Village said District 96 has the money to fund the guards. The funds it is looking at are funds that have been set aside for capital improvements to the schools
- The proposal from the Village will be voted on at the next board meeting
- E-Backpack
  - District 96 is trying to make E-Backpack more user friendly. They are staying with a paperless plan that they will improve over the summer.
  - The file names on E-Backpack will be more descriptive to make sure people open up the files
  - More information will be in the school registration packets to educate parents on E-Backpack
- Registration information will not be sent home for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. Registration forms will be available online only

Thank you

- Everyone who served on the PTA Board this year
- Donna Keller and all the Junior Great Books volunteers: Lisa Hennelly, Lisa Carlson, Pam Foy, Mary Centorcelli, Vicki Manchen, Vilia Walz, Joan Halvey, Susan Georgopulos, Jen Kaiser, Steph Schulte, Debbie Alm, Vicky Schander, Jeanne Ottenweller, Cindy Andersen
- Michelle Udelson and Joan Kanatas and all their helpers for honoring our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week next week

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Announcements:

Ronald McDonald Pop Top contest ends	Wednesday, May 5
Early Release/PM Kindergarten only	Thursday, May 6 at 11:30 AM
Teacher Institute Day	Friday, May 7
Teacher Appreciation Week	Monday May 10 – Friday May 14
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	Friday May 14 at 11:30 AM
Talent Show Matinee	Tuesday May 18 at 1:00 PM
Ames Aims Deadline	Wednesday May 19
Talent Show	Wednesday May 19 at 7:00 PM
Hauser Music Dept Tour of Elementary Schools	Friday, May 21
School Spirit/Bank at School	Friday, May 21
Field Day	Wednesday, May 26
Dunk Tank Party	Friday, May 28
Fun Lunch	Friday, May 28
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 31
Awards Ceremony	Tuesday, June 1 at 10:00 AM
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out	Tuesday, June 1 at 2:50 PM
Last Day of Classes/Report Cards	Wednesday, June 2