

AMES PTA MEETING

Monday, May 4th, 2009

Call to order 8:46 am

A motion was put forward to approve PTA minutes from April 6, 2009. The minutes were approved.

Administration Report:

Principal, Colleen Lieggi-

- Updates for next year: Amy Wright will move to the 5th grade, and Mrs. Melton is moving back to Arizona. Mrs. Lieggi will be hiring another teacher for fifth grade since there will be three sections next year.
- Talent Show rehearsals will take place today and tomorrow.
- On Wednesday, May 6 the 1-to-1 laptop team and the 5th grade teachers will be going to Apple to meet regarding this program. The laptops for the 1-to-1 will not be going home.
- The Hop-a-thon will take place on Friday, May 22. There will be a short assembly in the gym.
- On Wednesday, May 27 there will be a Be Fit Awards Assembly.
- Fun Lunch is scheduled for May 29.
- The awards assembly will take place on Wednesday, June 3 at 10 am.
- The fifth grade clap-out will be on June 4.

Officers' Report:

Co-Presidents-

1. Gratitude:

- Wendy Winkler for organizing a meaningful Teacher Appreciation Week
- Mary Ellen McGuire for hosting and organizing the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 5th Grade Games night volunteers
- Denise Swallow for organizing Green Wheel Day
- The Ames PTA board for all of their dedication to our children and school.
- Jette Georgopoulos for organizing Fun Lunch
- Mrs. Goletz for her dedication to health and fitness
- Mrs. Ekstrom for another enriching year of art
- Mrs. Gill, Mr. Colombo, and Mrs. Lauritsen for leading the orchestra, band, and choir members of Ames School
- Mrs. Bieschke for her library guidance and assistance with book choices
- The classroom teachers for a wonderful school year and sharing the children's achievements at Open House
- The Special Service Staff for their dedication to our students
- Office Staff for being on the frontline for our children
- Mrs. Lieggi for her leadership this year and organizing another Ames School Talent Show

Reflections Presentation

- Karen Dachota - The theme this year was "Wow." Ames had 12 participants. Four participants' work will travel. The kids who participated are: Charles Vacek, Olivia Moyer, Alexandra Georgopoulos, Evan Moyer, Ana Cubas, Paul Georgopoulos, Sean Muldowney, Ryan Cicenias, Kathryn Centorcelli, Sara Vacek, and Lucia Faust

Hauser Pride Students presentation

- The Hauser students took a 3-day trip to Louisville, Kentucky. Former Ames students Kelly Ely, Jack Gibson, and Samantha Goldsmith went on the trip and reported on the various workshops and events of the trip. They thanked the Ames PTA for supporting the 8th grade Hauser trip.

Officers' Report (continued):

2. Landscape updates

- Multi-colored pavers have been selected to match Ames School
- Another tree was taken down in the playground area
- The fall auction will also be raising money for playground equipment and new trees
- Families can buy another paver at a later date if they wish

Mary Centorcelli - The Communications Study Group has been meeting. Feed Blitz will send out the latest summary with a matrix. Please review and see if you have anything to add.

3. Election and Installation of new Ames PTA Board Officers

- Co-Presidents - Jen Kaiser and Stephanie Schulte
- 1st VP Educational Programs - Joan Kanatas
- 1st VP Cultural Arts - Lisa Muldowney
- 2nd VP Hospitality - Nancy Moyer
- 2nd VP Room Reps/Membership - Susan Georgopoulos
- Treasurer - Mary Lescher
- Secretary - Phyllis Lukas

Calendar:

Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4 - May 8
Talent Show Rehearsal	Monday, May 4 th 3:05-5pm
Talent Show Rehearsal	Tuesday, May 5 th 3:05-5pm
Ronald McDonald Pop Tops contest ends	Wednesday, May 6 th
All District Choir Concert at Hauser	Wednesday, May 6 th 7pm
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Friday, May 8 th 11:30 am
Talent Show Matinee	Tuesday, May 12 th 1pm
Talent Show	Wednesday, May 13 th 7pm
School Spirit Day/Bank at School	Friday, May 15
Board of Education Meeting at Hauser's LRC	Tuesday, May 19th 7:30pm
Ames Aims Deadline	Thursday, May 21 st
Jim Gill Concert for Kindergarteners at Blythe School	Thursday, May 21 st
MDA Hop-a-thon	Friday, May 22 nd at 2:15 pm
Hauser Music Department Tour of Elementary Schools	Friday, May 22 nd
No School - Memorial Day	Monday, May 25 th
Fun Lunch	Friday, May 29 th
Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, June 3 rd at 10 am
5 th Grade Clap out	Thursday, June 4 th
Last Day of School/Report Cards/No 5 th Grade Attendance	Friday June 5 th
Summer School, Session 1, Begins	Monday, June 8 th
Board of Education Meeting at Hauser's LRC	Tuesday, June 16th at 7:30pm