

**PTA Meeting
March 3, 2009**

Call to order 8:48 a.m.

Motion to approve PTA minutes from February 2 was put forward. Motion was seconded and approved.

Teacher representative - Mrs. Murphy

The teachers thank you for purchases made for their classrooms at the Book Fair. The Science Fair was a success. Thanks for the support.

Administration Report - Principal Colleen Lieggi

- ISAT testing takes place this week for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades
- Racing for Fitness - Two parties take place this week. Thanks to Gail Goletz who gives up her lunch to do this.
- Kindergarten registration takes place on Thursday, March 5
- There will be no kindergarten visitation in spring. There will be a teddy bear picnic before school starts.
- Lorraine Meyer and Donna Cermak are organizing Donuts with Dads on March 11. We will need volunteers on that date.
- An early release is scheduled for Friday, March 20. The afternoon will be a teacher institute meeting. The District is looking at revising report cards. The literacy team and Mindy Keller are meeting on this. Revised curriculum guides will also be discussed.
- Talent Show try-outs take place during the lunch hour on April 14 (K, 1st and 2nd grades) and on April 15 (3rd, 4th and 5th grades). The talent show takes place on Tuesday, May 12 at 1 pm and on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 pm.
- Ames Open house is on April 16 at 7 pm.
- Turn Off the TV week is coming up. Ames PTA is working with Central's coordinator on this event.
- After Care Task Force is trying to improve the after school program. The preferred plan has the Berwyn PAV YMCA conducting programs at each school. Homework, snack and playground time will be part of the program. The next step is to present this proposal to the District Leadership Team and them to the Board of Education.

Meet the Board of Education Candidates

- Nancy Jensen, LaFonzo "Fonz" Palmer, Linda LaBelle, Mary Centorcelli Stimming, Jennifer Leimberer, Mary Ellen Meindl are running in the upcoming Board of Education election. An all district PTA organized candidate forum will take place at Hauser on March 10.

Officers Report-

- Thank you's
 - Mrs. Lieggi and the Ames School Staff/Faculty
 - Kate Nolan and all of her wonderful volunteers for organizing and running a very successful Book Fair. Amy Pappageorge, the storyteller, was terrific.
 - All of the Preschool Screening volunteers
 - All of the Room Representatives for all of their help with the classrooms
 - Serina Ranft, Ms. Allen and the "Science in a Bag" volunteers this year. The Science Fair was amazing. All to the students did a great job preparing for this event. Way to go!!
 - Mary Lescher and Wendy Winkler for working on changes to our school website. Check out the ongoing process at www.amespta.org
- Re-scheduled Ames Movie Night, "Kung Fu Panda", for March 6th at 6:30 in the Ames Gym. Thank you Christine Kawiecki and Michelle Holman Van Nice for organizing the event and to Phyllis Lukas and the Ames 2nd grade Girl Scouts for preparing popcorn, and to Alan and Luke Keller and Stan Van Nice for providing and setting up the projector and screen.
- ISAT testing starts today for grades 3-5. Please have your child eat a well balanced breakfast, get plenty of rest and send a healthy snack with your child every day during testing.
- Meet the Candidates will be a Riverside PTA/O sponsored event at Hauser on March 10th at 7 pm.

Board of Education Representative report -

- Tim Young spoke about difficulties caused by flexible boundary policy forcing him to place children at two different elementary schools.

- The calendar was approved with no changes.
- Dr. Lamberson is meeting with a company that handles the residency verification process for RB. The Residency Authenticator proposal is on hold.
- Summer school this year will be at Ames due to Hauser construction. Current enrollment is 1,456 and next year the number is expected to pass 1500 (the highest since 1972).
- The Kindergarten enrollment surveys have been returned and their numbers are lower than Dr. Kofron's survey. The current plan is for 2 sections at Ames, 1 at Hollywood, 3 at Central and 2 at Blythe.
- The 5 for 4 laptop proposal was discussed. Many questions remain, however the Project Manager position has been posted and teacher training days set aside. Parents with pro/con opinions are encouraged to contact the Board. The roll out would be for 5th graders only, since there is strong tech support from the teachers at the fifth grade level.
- Jim Gill will be at Blythe on Thursday, May 21 at 10 am. All kindergarten classes will attend.
- There will be another bake sale on Election Day, April 7. Please volunteer to bake and/or sell on this important day.
- Nomination Committee: Kris Taber and Julie O'Brien nominated Ames PTA officers for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - Officers nominated: Co-Presidents Stephanie Schulte and Jen Kaiser; 1st Vice President Cultural Affairs Lisa Muldowney; 1st Vice President Education, Joan Kanatas; Susan Georgopoulos for Membership/Room Rep; Phyllis Lukas for Secretary; Mary Lescher for Treasurer; and for Hospitality, Nancy Moyer and Michelle Van Nice.
- Terri Lynne Culloden - The paver sale is going well and we have sold 24 bricks so far. The sale will end by the end of March so the Board of Education can plan the bid process.
- Monkey bar replacement - There are liability issues on the contractor's part so the part won't be replaced. Questions were raised to Dr. Lamberson about how playground can be replaced as well as the fence surrounding the school.

Announcements:

Kindergarten Registration

Movie Night "Kung Fu Panda"

Meet the Candidates Forum at Hauser

Donuts with Dads

Little Symphony Spring Musical

Spirit Day and Bank at School

Ronald McDonald Pop Top Contest Begins

Board of Education Meeting at Hollywood School

Tropical Paradise Day

Early Release Day (AM Kindergarten only)

Spring Break

PTA Meeting Election of Officers

Consolidated Election Day & Bake Sale

March 5th 7 pm

March 6th 6:30 pm

March 10th 7:00 pm

March 11th 7:30 am - 8:15 am

March 12th 9:30 am

March 13th

March 16th

March 17th 7:30 pm

March 19th (all day) & March 20 (morning)

March 20th 11:30 am

March 23-March 27

April 6th at 7pm

April 7th

Meeting Adjourned 10:05 am