

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2013

A motion was made to approve the PTA meeting minutes from the March 8, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

The election of the 2013-2014 Ames PTA Board was conducted. The new PTA Board is as follows:

- Co-Presidents: Deanna Hall and Lisa Swicionis
- Vice President of Cultural Arts and Education: Flavio Gonzalez
- Vice President of Fundraising: Kristin Evans
- Vice President of Hospitality: Lisa Carlson
- Vice President of Room Representatives: Maureen Dvorak
- Secretary: Stephanie Hart
- Treasurer: Tracy Stanard

Fundraising Report, Lisa Swicionis –

- Lisa Swicionis reported that the Mixed Bag fundraiser was a great success earning \$2,000.00. This event will take place every other year.
- The Flying High Fundraiser will be held April 6, 2013. It is a fun night for the kids and all are encouraged to attend.

- The Ames Book Fair will be held in conjunction with the Ames Open House on April 18th and 19th. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Jen Kaiser if interested.
- Market Day continues to do well and the next pick up will be on April 24th.
- The Ames Brick Paver fundraiser will begin soon and the money raised will go toward purchasing new mats for the gym.

Cultural Arts and Education Report, Flavio Gonzalez –

- Flavio Gonzalez reported that the sculpture made by the Ames students and artist Kevin Olis will be mounted today. An Assembly will be held at 2:30 today as the culmination of the week's events. Thank you to all of the volunteers of this amazing art project!
- "The Wright Stuff" program will be rescheduled to May 6th at 1:00. All are invited!

Hospitality Report, Lisa Carlson –

- Joan Kanatas and Lisa Carlson related that Teacher Appreciation Week will take place April 29 – May 2. The lunch will be held on Thursday, May 2nd. Donations and volunteers are still needed.

Teacher's Report, Mrs. Jennifer Ohlman –

- Mrs. Ohlman has a strong literary background and she gave a presentation on implementing the teaching techniques of the book The Daily Five which all Ames teachers read last summer at the suggestion of Principal Lieggi. This approach uses all authentic reading, not worksheets, and has proven very successful in teaching her second grade class.
- The five methods used include the following: read to self, buddy reading, daily writing, word work, and listening to reading.

Nancy Moyer announced the Ames participants of the PTA art contest “Reflections.” The theme this year was “The Magic of the Moment” and the participants were Amaya Gonzalez, Lucia Faust, Caroline Kohal and Emily Kohal.

Administration Report, Principal Colleen Lieggi –

- Principal Lieggi thanked Flavio Gonzalez for all of his work with Kevin Olis, the Artist In Residence. Thank you also to the parent volunteers and the hard work of the Ames students and teachers.
- Principal Lieggi thanked Michelle Black and Kelly Eggert for organizing another successful Donuts With Dads. She also thanked the Ranft family and other parent volunteers for putting together a wonderful Ames Science Fair.

- The Math Quest program will now take place five days per week for fifth grade students.
- Ames will implement a new science curriculum in the fall. The students will be learning science via the Faust Method.
- A reception to meet the new District 96 Superintendent, Dr. Sharma-Lewis will be held at Ames on April 22nd from 7:45 – 8:15 am. After the breakfast, Dr. Sharma-Lewis will meet the Ames students, teachers, Student Council and Leadership Team.

Treasurer's Report, Tracy Stanard –

- Tracy Stanard reported that the Artist In Residence project came in \$500.00 under budget.
- The Ames Yearbook order forms will be coming out soon so the correct number of books can be ordered and budgeted.

RAIN Update, Gelse Tkalec –

- Gelse Tkalec announced that the next RAIN meeting will take place on April 17th at 6:30. She also mentioned that “Riverside Rocks for Ethan” will take place on April 19th in the Village Hall and all are encouraged to attend the fun event.