

Ames PTA Minutes
04/12/2016

- I. Call to order at 6:55 PM
- II. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting
 - a. 1st motion – Dana Frank
 - b. 2nd motion – Katie Vahey
 - c. All in favor
- III. Officer Reports
 - a. President – Kim Marrero presented highlights from PTA Presidents meeting with BOE and Principals
 - i. Election Day (Fall 2016) school will be open
 - ii. YMCA will continue Before and After Care
 - iii. Online registration for D96 Enrollment starts 4/15 with incentive for earlier registration for Kindergarten
 - iv. New Superintendent has been hired and current interim superintendents will continue as consultants through the transition
 - v. BOE will be attending IASP workshop
 - vi. Summer School brochure is out
 - vii. Wellness Committee encourages students to walk or bike to school
 - viii. District-wide there will be an increase of teachers by 4.5
 - 1. 1.5 ELA
 - 2. 1.5 Special Education
 - 3. 1 STEM
 - 4. 0.5 Physical Education
 - ix. Math pilot has been well-received
 - x. Foreign language for earlier grades
 - 1. Will not be reviewed for another 4-5 years (after other curricula have been reviewed)
 - 2. Contact Ames PTA if you are interested in lead and organize a Foreign Language Club at Ames
 - b. Cultural Arts – Flavio Gonzalez
 - i. 1st Day of School Assembly 16-17 has been arranged with Matt Wilhelm
 - ii. Artist in Residence 2016
 - 1. Dates need to be reviewed due to field trip conflicts in May
 - 2. Chicago Opera Playhouse
 - 3. Students will present “Carmen and the Bull”
 - c. Fundraising – Katie Vahey
 - i. Upcoming decisions
 - 1. Kid/family coupon book sales
 - 2. Bake sale in Fall
 - 3. Replace Target Red Card with Amazon Smile

- d. Membership and Communications – Deb Kummer
 - i. Yearbook
 - 1. We need more photos
 - a. Forward photos to deb.kummer@sbcglobal.net
 - 2. We need volunteers to take photos at upcoming events
 - 3. Teachers have been contacted to submit photos
 - e. Hospitality – Dana Frank
 - i. Box Top Contest
 - 1. Currently happening
 - 2. Announcements have been made during school
 - 3. See Feedblitz for details
 - ii. Pizza with the Principal is still on-going
 - iii. End of Testing Celebration
 - 1. Donate \$200 toward celebration
 - f. In School Volunteers – Lisa Swicionis
 - i. End-of-Year Collections
 - 1. Cheddar Up will be offered as a way to donate
 - 2. You will be able to donate for a specific teacher
 - 3. Specials teachers will be a separate collection
 - g. Treasurer – Kirsten Bell
 - i. We are in good shape for the year
 - ii. Financials will be posted on the PTA website
- IV. Committee Reports
- a. 5th Grade
 - i. 5th Grade Games Night was a huge success
 - 1. Only a handful did not attend
 - 2. There were 23 volunteers
 - 3. Need to find out who hosts next year to transfer notes while it is fresh
 - ii. 5th Grade End-of-Year Party – Lisa Swicionis
 - 1. At Village Commons (North Riverside)
 - 2. 11:25-2:55 last day of school (June 6th)
 - 3. Planning picnic now
 - 4. Kids will walk to and from
 - 5. Facility available in case of rain
 - 6. We need to secure a crossing guard
 - 7. Clap Out will be the last day of school
 - b. Teacher Appreciation Week plans were discussed
 - c. Talent Show – Lisa Swicionis
 - i. Committee is meeting this week
 - ii. All dates on the calendar are still accurate
 - iii. Permission slips and the information link will be sent out ASAP
 - iv. There will be a daytime and an evening show

- V. Nominating Committee
 - a. Motion to approve slate for Ames PTA Board 2016-2017:
 - Co-President – Kim Marrero
 - Co-President – Dawn Eagleson
 - Treasurer – Kirsten Bell
 - Secretary – Karen Nishimura
 - VP Fundraising – Emilia Kowalski
 - VP Cultural Arts – Flavio Gonzalez
 - VP Hospitality – Laura Zarembo
 - VP In-School Volunteers – Dana Frank
 - i. 1st motion – Katie Vahey
 - ii. 2nd motion – Andy Frank by text
 - iii. All in favor
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Cleaner Options – Katie Vahey will contact them
 - b. Foreign Language Club – We need someone to lead and organize
- VII. New Business
 - a. Motion to remove office of VP Membership & Communications
 - i. 1st motion – Katie Vahey
 - ii. 2nd motion – Kirsten Bell
 - iii. All in favor
 - b. Mrs. Stephens retirement was discussed
 - c. Planning for 2016-2017
 - 1. Coincide Parents Night Out at Y or Flying High with social events
- VIII. Adjourn at 8:10 PM

Mark Your Calendars!

April 18-22 Hike and Bike to School Week

April 22 Fun Lunch and Spirit Day

April 23 Parents Night Out

May 2-6 Teacher/Staff Appreciation

May 3 PTA Meeting

May 10-11 Talent Show Auditions

In Attendance:

Kim Marrero, Karen Nishimura, Emilia Kowalski, Flavio Gonzalez, Dana Frank, Katie Vahey, Kirsten Bell