

AMES PTA
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016

- I. Call to order – 8:25AM
- II. Approve Minutes from Oct 21, 2016
 - a. 1st motion to approve – Dawn Eagleson
 - b. 2nd motion – Christine Long
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
- III. Report from Ames Teacher/Staff – Mrs. Allen
 - a. BOE 96 wants to include educational talks from students
 - i. Mrs. Allen took 2 students to a board meeting and held a “math talk”
 - ii. Mr. Wydra attended as well
 - b. The teachers thank the PTA for the
 - i. Food during conferences
 - ii. Halloween science assembly
 - iii. Reminders about reimbursement
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President (Kim and Dawn)
 1. Need one more container for lunchroom
 2. Report from November PLT (Parent Leadership Team) Meeting
 - a. Go to Youtube.com to see recording of Ames presenting on math
 - b. Update on district goals will be emailed
 - c. The auction for the property on Southcote will be attended by district representatives
 - d. An architectural firm (DLA) was hired by the BOE
 - e. Playgrounds are a priority but will be postponed until construction is complete
 - f. Registration and enrollment in person will be required next year
 - g. Upgraded wireless network
 - B. Treasurer (Kirsten)
 1. Budget update – copy made available at the meeting
 2. Field trip report
 - a. Most grades are slotted for 3 trips each
 - b. PTA will cover 1 academic and 1 cultural arts trip
 3. Looking to purchase a new flag and stand for the school
 - C. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs (Flavio)
 1. Veteran’s Day post-assembly reception (Dawn) – Good turnout
 2. Reflections update
 - a. 5 students are participating with 7 total works of art
 - b. Participants will receive a certificate during awards ceremony
 3. Artist-in-Residence update
 - a. Partnering with Riverside Arts Center
 - b. Dates – March 21-24
 4. Save the Date!
 - a. Family Heritage Night, Feb 7
 - b. Student Assembly - Historical Perspectives (Helen Keller), Mar 17
 - D. VP Fundraising & Events (Emilia)
 1. Halloween Windows (Cristin) – Artwork has been returned to students
 2. 5Bs BBQ Night; profit - \$600
 - a. Thank you to PAV for their help with childcare
 3. Election Day Bake Sale (Cristin) – Huge success! Profit - \$1,200. Thank you to all who baked and volunteered!

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4. Parents Night Out at Flying High on December 16
5. Brick Pavers update – found company to engrave bricks
6. Fun Run likely in Spring – looking for date with Orange Ruler
7. Ongoing Fundraisers:
 - a. Amazon Smile
 - b. Box Tops/Labels for Education; balance as of 11/1 - \$283.50
 - c. Red Robin
 - d. Direct donation. Ask your employer to match your donation!
- E. VP In School Volunteers (Dana)
 1. Ornaments for holiday party – globes to be filled with decorations
 2. PTA will not organize classroom collections for teacher Christmas gifts. PTA will organize one classroom collection in May during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- F. VP Hospitality (Laura)
 1. Teacher Appreciation conference dinners
 - a. Thank you to Corner Bakery and Slice Factory
- V. Report from Principal Gierman
 - a. PARCC Spring 2016
 - i. Ames was highest in D96
 - ii. Ames was highest in Riverside/Brookfield area
 - iii. Ames is competitive with Northside schools
 - iv. Success was a team effort
 - b. Intramurals
 - i. 139 families responded to the survey fairly equally distributed among grade levels
 - ii. Discussed what will be offered based on the survey and available space
 - iii. Flyers will be sent home before Winter Break with sign up information
 - iv. In contact with PAV YMCA, Riverside Parks and Rec, and other companies to provide intramurals
 - c. Ames school election went really well
 - i. Presidential Election play was great
 - d. The Halloween assembly was appreciated
 - i. Maybe change up for next year to more magic than science
 - e. Parent/Teacher conferences
 - i. 87% of parents signed up
 - f. Veterans Day Assembly gets better and better
 - g. Classroom holiday parties are on December 22nd
- VI. Adjourn – 9:55AM

In Attendance: Kim Marrero, Domenica Jimenez, Melinda Yachnin, Emilia Kowalski, Kirsten Bell, Karen Nishimura, Flavio Gonzalez, Laura Zarembo, Todd Gierman, Dawn Eagleson, Christine Long, Lauren Allen, Michelle Udelson

Mark your December calendars!

2nd – Due date for Junior Great Books sign-up

16th – 8:20 am, PTA Meeting

16th – 7 pm, Flying High Fundraiser/Parent's Night Out