

AMES PTA
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2016

- I. Call to order 8:25 AM
- II. Approve Minutes from Nov 18, 2016
 - a. 1st motion – Laura Zaremba
 - b. 2nd motion – Dawn Eagleson
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
- III. Report from Ames Teacher/Staff – Mary Orłowski
 - a. Thank you for:
 - i. Providing food during the Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - ii. Author Skype
 - iii. Books for LRC
 - iv. Upcoming Cookie Exchange – It’s the best!
- IV. Report from Principal Gierman
 - a. Cold Weather
 - i. Cold Day school closure
 1. Email was recently sent by the superintendent
 2. Decisions will be made in conjunction with RBHS
 - b. Indoor recess recently due to low temperatures
 - c. Holiday performance – preparations are underway
 - d. Shoot the Puck assembly
 - i. Reward for making good choices
 - e. Dojo points (in response to feedback that parents are unsure how to interpret negative Dojo points – 4th and 5th grades)
 1. Parents will be contacted by the teacher if there is an incident that is out of the norm of regular classroom behavior including on-going issues of smaller but consistent negative behaviors
 2. Parents are encouraged to reach out to the teacher if they have any questions about behavior/dojo points
 3. Dojo points can be given to the whole class or to individual students
 - a. Negative dojo points should be communicated to the child quietly and individually
 4. Teachers inform students when dojo points are given or taken away – ask your child about the points – They should know!
 - f. Property next door
 - i. Has been purchased but settlement has not taken place yet
 - ii. Lawyer has approved the district for sidewalk maintenance
 - iii. Goal for opening is 2018/19 school year
 - iv. Property development plans
 1. Entire community will be invited to participate in different ways
 2. Look for upcoming communications from the BOE and district office for ways to get involved
 - g. Intramurals – Riverside Rec and Parks would like to partner with the district
- V. Officer Reports
 - A. President (Kim and Dawn)
 1. D96 Music Teacher Recital, Jan 12 at 7pm, Hauser Auditorium (Teachers will be performing)
 2. “Ames Angels” program similar to Blythe and Hollywood
 - a. Partner with Ames school and Student Council
 - b. Fund to help those less fortunate
 - B. Treasurer (Kirsten)

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1. Drinking fountain – installation of a water bottle refill station will be covered by D96 instead of using PTA dollars
 - C. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs (Flavio)
 1. Family Heritage Night, Feb 7
 - D. VP Fundraising & Events (Emilia)
 1. Parents Night Out at Flying High is tonight, Dec 16
 2. Family Dance, Jan 27
 - a. DJ, photo booth, and The Donut Guy are booked
 - b. Member suggested to add a Winterfest for the adults next year
 3. Mixed Bag fundraiser (catalog sale), February
 4. Orange Ruler Fun Run - dates are being arranged
 5. Looking into a Blaze Pizza Night or similar fundraiser
 - E. VP In School Volunteers (Dana) – ornaments were distributed to room reps
 - F. VP Hospitality (Laura)
 1. Cookie Exchange, Dec 22. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/eVyGTP>
- VI. New Business?
- VII. Adjourn 9:32 AM

Mark your calendars!

Dec 16 – Flying High Fundraiser/Parent’s Night Out
Dec 21 – Holiday Performances
Dec 22 – Classroom Holiday parties
Jan 12 – D96 Music Teacher Recital
Jan 20 – PTA Meeting
Jan 27 – Family Dance
Feb 7 – Family Heritage Night

In attendance: Kim Marrero, Dawn Eagleson, Kirsten Bell, Karen Nishimura, Dana Frank, Laura Zarembo, Emilia Kowalski, Tia Sherman, Hyansoo Lee, Carrie Zalewski, Iris Velazquez, Todd Gierman, and Mary Orłowski