

AMES PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2017

- I. Call to order 8:24 AM
- II. Approve Minutes from December 16, 2016
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> motion – Elizabeth Kos
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Laura Zaremba
  - c. All in favor, none opposed
- III. Report from Ames Teacher/Staff – Katie Samuels
  - a. Thank you for the Cookie Exchange – always a highlight
  - b. Teacher received and distributed packets for Mixed Bag fundraiser
  - c. Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser (sale of tote and backpack)
    - i. \$5 per bag sold is donated
    - ii. Donations go to purchasing hats, gloves, coats for those in need
  - d. D96 is piloting an ELA curriculum –
    - i. Ready JEN in grades K, 1, 3, and 5 at Ames
    - ii. All materials are available for parents to review at D96 Office
    - iii. Please complete feedback form provided at D96 Office
    - iv. Program emphasizes finding evidence in the text
    - v. Each unit includes fiction and non-fiction reading and writing
- IV. Report from Principal Gierman
  - a. Mouse sighting
    - i. Anderson Pest was called in
    - ii. Problem under control
      1. No mice have been caught in last 2 days
      2. Taking extra care with trash disposal
  - b. Winter Benchmark Season
    - i. MAP and F&P testing has been taking place
    - ii. Winter Data Meeting with teachers and appropriate staff at the end of January to discuss how to help each individual child
  - c. Angel Fund
    - i. The fund has been established
    - ii. Will help those struggling in our community
    - iii. Goal is to help children feel included in the school community
    - iv. Administration will partner with Ames PTA
    - v. Idea – Teacher PTA dues could go directly to Angel Fund
- V. Officer Reports
  - A. Treasurer (Kirsten)
    1. Copies of the budget to date were made available at the meeting
  - B. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs (Flavio)
    1. Family Heritage Night, Feb 7
      - a. Discussed ideas to increase participation
        - a. Email parents through Room Reps
        - b. Teachers
          - a. May want to participate
          - b. Can remind students about the event
          - c. Contact to see if they would offer an incentive
            - i. Homework Pass or Dolphin Dollar for participating
            - ii. Dojo point or extra credit for attending
        - c. Bring in outside presentations
          - a. Irish Dance
          - b. Martial Arts demonstration

- c. Language and Cultural Schools
  2. Junior Great Books has started, but some groups haven't met yet due to the Institute Day last Friday
- C. VP Fundraising & Events (Emilia)
  1. Family Dance, Jan 27
  2. Mixed Bag fundraiser (catalog sale)
    - a. January 20-February 10
    - b. Products should arrive before Spring Break
  3. Orange Ruler Fun Run
    - a. Kick off on May 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - b. Turn in forms on May 10<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Fun Run on May 12<sup>th</sup>
  4. Working on other fundraisers
    - a. Flipside Academy
    - b. LaBarra
    - c. Blaze Pizza
    - d. Another 5 B's BBQ night
- D. VP In School Volunteers (Dana)
  1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Games Night in planning phase
  2. Room Reps will be sent an email to forward to parents regarding Family Heritage Night

VI. New Business - None

VII. Adjourn 9:22 AM

**Mark your calendars!**

Jan 27 – Family Dance, 6:30-8:00 PM

Feb 7 – Family Heritage Night, 6:30-8:00 PM

Feb 22 – PTA Meeting **3:00 PM**

In attendance: Dawn Eagleson, Karen Nishimura, Laura Zarembo, Emilia Kowalski, Flavio Gonzalez, Hyansoo Lee, Carrie Zalewski, Kris McCormack, Michelle Hodge, Elizabeth Kos, Todd Gierman, and Katie Samuels