

Ames PTA meeting

January 18th, 2018

1. Call to Order- 9:32 am
2. Teacher Report- Mrs. Lauritson
 - a. Kindergarteners came and sang a song for the attendees.
 - b. Thank you from teachers to PTA for Holiday cookies.
 - c. Auction teacher experiences are underway, and teachers are really excited about the interest and participation
 - d. MAP testing is going well
 - e. Students and teachers enjoying the Scholastic books donated from PTA
3. Principal Report- Mr. Gierman
 - a. New Art teacher Olivia Lauritson will fill in while Mrs. King is on maternity leave.
 - b. MAP testing is happening now. Results sent home in February.
 - c. Ames web testing assessments- Focuses on fluency, comprehension
 - d. Upcoming calendar items to take note of:
 1. Parcc testing for grades 3-5 will take place in April
 2. Early Learners program parent night is tonight (1/18) at 6:30 at Blythe
 3. Ames Family Dance is next Friday January 26th at 6:30
 4. Parent Literacy Night is at Hauser on January 31st at 6:30
 5. Family Heritage night is Tuesday February 6th.
 6. District 96 Parent Math Night is at 6:30 on February 28th.
 - e. The Riverside Parks and Recs afterschool programs will resume the beginning of Feb. Some classes include: Giving Artfully, Floor Hockey, Youth Yoga, Lets Build it Stem Science, Chess Scholars, Young Rembrandts Art Program
4. Special Guest Superintendent Ryan-Toye- not much news. Just discussed the ongoing addition for Ames and House next door. There is still no solid timeline on when to expect anything to begin.
5. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. President – Dawn Eagleson
 1. Board Openings for next year: Co-President, VP Fundraising, VP Cultural Arts
 2. Decorating for Parcc testing in April. Teachers and students to decorate the school with positive messaging to encourage students taking Parcc tests.
 3. Dolphin Dads- Starting on Jan. 26th one Dad or Grandpa or Male father-figure will help with cars during drop off on Friday. Sign up genius has been created.
 - B. Secretary- Patty Romero
 1. Approve minutes from December meeting: Kelly Tabb, Karen Nishimura
 - C. Treasurer- Kelly Tabb
 1. Audit has been complete
 - D. VP cultural Arts- Flavio (he was unable to attend, but Dawn filled us in)
 1. Reflections program had great participation and we are waiting to see if any students advance.
 2. Family Heritage forms have been distributed and will be held Feb 6th

3. Science Fair workshops begin Feb. 15th
 4. Flavio is stepping down, and would like someone to shadow him for remainder of year so they can get a feel for what the job entails. He has made a list of duties this entails.
- E. VP Fundraising and Events
1. Fun Lunch forms have been sent home with students.
 2. Flipside parents night out are scheduled Feb 2nd for grades 3-5, and Feb23rd for K-2
 3. Restaurant nights out have been confirmed: 1/30 Chipolte (Ames gets 50% back), and slice factory is 2/13
 4. Trying to get a spirit wear table set up for Family Dance night.
- F. VP in school volunteers- Dana Frank (unable to attend) but it was mentioned that all receipts from classroom parties should be handed in.
- G. VP hospitality- Carrie Zalewski- reports that cookie exchange from December was a success.
- H. New Business-
1. Christmas Pop up shop next year?? Brainstorming ideas and websites
 2. Ames Talent Show- date should be secured shortly
 3. Games to be purchased and looking for donations from community for classrooms during indoor recess.
- I. Adjourn- 11:06am

Attended the meeting: Mr. Gierman, Ms. Ryan-Toye, Kelly Tabb, Dawn Eagleson, Patty Romero, Domenica Jimenez, Tia Sherman, Karen Nishimura, Emilia Kowalski, Gina Benes, Katie Kowal,