

Ames PTA meeting

Dec. 7, 2018

Call to order 8:37

- I. Guests Rich Regan and Martha Ryan-Toye
  - A. Lots of questions concerning the new addition to Ames, functionality, and timeline.
    - Facilities advisory committee is meeting 2x/month and are deeply engaged in coming up with design ideas that will help all of district.
    - There seems to be confusion on priorities on design?? It is a goal to be more efficient on priorities and timeline. Still a lot of unknowns, but they are trying to be more efficient.
    - There are many problems district wide regarding space and functionality of that space and they are trying to solve everything
    - by end of 2018/19 school year they anticipate design bids to be submitted. Summer of 2020 is best estimate on when actual construction could start.
    - committee will look at at least 2 or 3 bids, if not more and board will vote
    - Building for the future not just needs now, should be in the discussion...
    - Full day kindergarten is an option they are discussing about planning for, but since its not state mandated, its not in the forefront of the panel discussions
    - possibly bring early learners will come to ames
    - still unsure how this project will be funded. Budget is undefined. Take on debt? Use reserves? They still haven't decided.
    - it is a district wide goal to have separate spaces for parking and play
    - will engage a traffic engineer when the time comes to solve drop off/pick up concerns
    - Board members are up for reelection in April...will members of advisory committee switch, and how will that effect the planning? Unknown
- II. Mr. Gierman
  - A. Kids are welcome to pta meetings, provided that they aren't disruptive and are under supervision
  - B. A schedule for the Gaga/green space rotation is being worked on so that all classes and grades have some play time
- III. Secretary.
  - A. Minutes approved: Domenica/Kelly
- IV. Treasurer
  - A. Motion to move xmas ornaments into own budget. Approved.
  - B. Fundraisers have made over 1000\$ from restaurants, bake sale \$750, Portillos \$270, Lou Malnatti's \$140
- V. VP Cultural Arts
  - A. Family Heritage night will be Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, class teachers in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will overlap curriculum with heritage night.

- B. A new Cultural Arts committee will be formed, with Kim Marrero heading up Artist in Residence committee...other members will include: Ashley Russo, Kate Brennan, Dawn Eagleson, Joey Fitzgerald.
- VI. VP Fundraising & Events
  - A. Fun Lunch forms for second ½ of year will go out shortly after school is back after winter break
  - B. Ames Eats for 2019= 1/29 Chipolte, 2/12 City BBQ, 2/26 Canes, Culvers in march, 3/10 chew chew, Polar bear and Labarra in may,
  - C. May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Talent Show
  - D. May 23<sup>rd</sup> Adult Ames Talent show at LaBarra
- VII. New Business: a new calendar committee is possible so that all district 96 schools and highschool calendars will be in sync. More to come later
- VIII. Adjourn at 10:01

Attendance: Domenica jimenez, susan wolfe, Kelly tabb, patty Romero, Emilia Kowalski, Alanna Cotham, Katie Gregory, Jennifer Butler, Wesley Muirhead, Kristy Tokarz, Bree McEwan, Myrtala Casey, Aisha Iliac, Andrea Franco, Kim Marrero, Carrie Zalewski,