

Ames PTA Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

Call to order 6:35pm

1. Principal Report- Mr. Gierman was not in attendance, but sent updates:
 - Mr. Beckers class grew basil and garlic in their hydroponics garden in the classroom. They recently had a pasta luncheon with homemade spaghetti sauce and garlic bread.
 - The Ames student council held their annual Bring the Change fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society the week before spring break. They were able to raise over \$1315 in change in one week.
 - Student Council held its fundraiser at Chick-fil-a in North Riverside. 25% of sales will go back to our students and they will decide how to spend it to support our school and students.
 - Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) which we are nicknaming "I Am Ready" will begin next week. Ms. Ohlman has paired up each K, 1 and 2 with a 3, 4 and 5 class to make motivational posters to inspire and encourage our students as they prepare to take the state assessment.
 - We also would like to thank the pta for decorating Ames for our upcoming IAR. Students and staff absolutely love it!

2. President Report- Susan Wolfe
 - Board openings- looking for a co-president for next year. We need to vote in May for board positions
 - We are working on calendar for 19/20 school year. District meeting is in May.
 - We are seeking co-chairs for auction committee. Next year is our auction year and we want to start brain storming.

3. Secretary – Patty Romero nothing new to report

4. Treasurer- Kelly Tabb
 - We are still waiting for check from city bbq from fundraiser.

5. VP Cultural Arts and Educational Programs- Jennifer Butler
 - Science Fair recap. Looking for feedback and ways to improve timing and agenda for next year. Ways to incorporate younger kids if want to get involved.
 - Family Heritage night will be May 2. Communication will go out soon. Possible sign up genius to go up for participation. Ms. Giger and Mr. Wydra will be incorporating something related to heritage/culture into curriculum and inviting kids to participate.

6. VP Fundraising and Events- Deb Kummer (not in attendance)
 - LaBarra night communication needs to be sent out. We still have Polar Bear tbd.
 - Book fair is April 24/25. Looking for volunteers to help set up and run fair. Sign up genius will go out.

7. VP School Volunteers- Dana (not in attendance). Nothing new to report
8. VP Hospitality- Carrie Zalewski (not in attendance)
 - Teacher appreciation starts May 6th. The committee has some exciting things planned. Tickets are up for sale to attend the luncheon on Thursday. Motion to increase budget to \$1500 by Patty, seconded by Jennifer. Motion approved.
9. Committee Reports
 - Artist in Residence- Great job! We had wonderful feedback and the unveiling of the installment will be during the open house. We are trying to get some involvement in our fall auction.
 - Brick Pavers. – 18 orders. Likely delivered in June.
 - Wolves game- 54 tickets sold. They will give us a jersey for auction
 - Yearbook- forms going out soon
10. New business
 - Little Free Library – The group would like to put a box near the reading circle; will address any challenges with Mr. Gierman.
 - PTA voted to make \$150 donation to Pediatric Cancer Research in Mrs. Whaley's name. Motion- Patty, seconded by Kris
 - The group discussed the opportunity to better align with the staff and to identify ways for increased support and engagement with PTA efforts. Ideas included more proactive outreach with meeting agendas, invites and minutes. Also, PTA leadership will work with Mr. Gierman and his leadership team to brainstorm strongest points of intersection.

Adjourn 8:15pm

Attendance: Patty Romero, Susan Wolfe, Kelly Tabb, Joseph Fitzgerald, Kris McCormack, Jennifer Butler, Aaron Butler