

Ames PTA meeting
August 21, 2019
Call to order- 8:32am

Susan Wolfe, president welcome and introduction of Mr. Gierman

Mr. Gierman Reports

- Welcome new teachers: Mrs Rose- Music, Ms. Workman- 1st, Ms. Schilitz-3^d
- Ames building addition- will go up for bid in October. Construction could begin in spring or on last day of school. Plans are set, but still have to be finalized and approved. Addition will keep aesthetic of original building built in 1925/1968.
- Traffic study will be conducted to see best plan for pick up and drop off.
- Currently 383 students. Addition will bring early learners, increasing number of kids by 100 and will add another 16 staff members.

President Report- Susan Wolfe

- Still seeking Co-president
- Calendar distribution and notable points
- Auction year- we are looking for volunteers still to head up and run auction. The auction is our major fundraiser for 2 years of support for cultural arts programs and fieldtrips. We need solicitation and volunteers.
- Auction date is set for Friday, November 15 at Riverside Golf Club
- Membership drive is ongoing. Deluxe membership includes directory, 2 new keychains
- Ala carte items (signs, magnets, etc) still available
- Sign Up Genius will be going out to cover all of this year's fundraisers, activities, areas we need volunteers. From book fair to junior great books to science in a bag... there are always opportunities to help out and now its all in one spot.
- Looking for ways to connect with teachers and school and incorporate what we do/offer as a PTA. Wanting more connections with teachers and curriculum

Secretary-Patty Romero

- Directories will be going home mid-Octoberish via oldest child's classroom

Treasurer- Kelly Tabb

- Budget distribution. Some discussions about budget and need to hone in on goals and money to be spent. No vote. Budget will be revised and discussed at next meeting.

Dr. Ryan Toye- retouch on Ames Plans. Perhaps Fall 20/20 ??

VP of School Volunteers- Dana Frank

- Room Reps- Mr. Gierman will send out room rep email. 2 are needed for each class. 1st to respond gets priority.
- Library volunteers- sign up genius will come out to read to classes.

- D96 volunteer form must be filled out and signed each year. Raptor/Background check may go into effect this year. We will get clarification on who needs to fill out/which activities need this.

VP Fundraising and Events (not present) but topics discussed

- Ongoing fundraisers include: box tops, amazon smile, direct donation, spirit wear, Charleston giftwrap will be sept 11-oct 4, scholastic book fair will be sept 11-12.
- Fun Lunch- will be using Bills Place again. Forms will be distributed. Any questions please contact Kelly Tabb at KMT0906@yahoo.com

VP Cultural Arts and Educational Programs- Jennifer Butler

- Back to School assembly will be BMX biker on back lot
- Hike and Bike week will be in September. Stay tuned.
- Science in a bag will start sept 26. It runs for 4 weeks. Parent volunteers to help run and hand out experiments on Thursday mornings.

VP Hospitality- Michelle Galindo

- Ames tshirts will be distributed to all Kindergartners and new students.
- Fall outdoor movie night is in the works. We are looking for help running this event. Dick the Donut guy will be here.
- Family Dance will remain in January. Date TBD
- "Meet the Parents" night social will be in October this year. Information is still being finalized.
- Question from crowd-Can we come up with other rewards for classroom contests instead of pizza parties? Great idea. We will brainstorm

New Business: Little Free Library- will be installed soon. Donations welcome.

Adjourn 10:01

Attendance: Bree McEwan, Angie Alvarado-Ecker, Robin Newberry, Kris McCormack, Amy Connerty, Gina Benes, Jennifer Butler, Kim Marrero, Louisa Fitzgerald, Peggy Collings, Katie Kowal, Christine Long, Domenica Jimenez, Alanna Cotham, Ramon Rodriguez, Dawn Eagleson, Auste Graham, Shamila, Ashley Russo, Susan Wolfe, Patty Romero, Michelle Galindo, Kelly Tabb