

Ames PTA meeting via zoom

November 5, 2020

Call to Order 6:04pm by Susan Wolfe

Mr. Gierman-

- Teacher conferences will be evening 11/19 and day 11/23
- 11/30 will be last day of 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Report cards will be distributed 12/9
- Winter break starts 12/21
- Library checkout will start again soon
- Ribbon cutting ceremony was cancelled. Please look for video of online virtual tour. Riverside TV did a great job of taking video of new space
- With regard to current covid numbers and the increase in cases in our area, it is likely that we will be forced to go fully remote. Ames is doing a great job of keeping kids safe while in school, but there is disappointment with how the members of the community are engaging and putting all others at risk.
- Cases are being transmitted outside of school. There are pics circulating social media of gatherings with friends and proving that not all are making responsible choices.
- Question from at-home parent: Can students that have been forced to quarantine more than one time this school year be forced to continue remotely?? Answer from Mr. Gierman- Not sure if it is enforceable, but he can look into it...
- We want to stay open at school as long as possible, but we might have to pivot at anytime. Discussions are ongoing when would be a good time for a pause. Thank you to all Ames families that have been following rules.

VP Fundraising and Events- Auste Graham

- We made a profit of 1,215.50 from spirit wear. The spirit wear shop will open up again around thanksgiving 11/16-11/30, so those wanting holiday gifts can have opportunity to buy ames wear.
- Charleston Wrap sold 284 items for a total of 1,499.15 profit
- Restaurant Nights- Bills place brought in 150 for us, and chipotle made us 171.70
- Nov 11 will be Chew Chew, Canes will be 12/7, Lou Malnati's in Jan, Portillos Forest Park in Feb
- 11/2-11/15 Scholastic Book Fair ..... online only
- Holiday Shop will be in person outside of school in front on 11/14 under Tent from 10-1:00 masks are required and please practice social distancing. Will also be 11/14-11/21 online
- Online Trivia Night.... We would love to have a virtual trivia night.... Looking for volunteers to head this up. Ideally a jeopardy style quiz event via zoom in Jan or Feb

President – Susan Wolfe

- Thanks to Maria Munch for organizing the drive-in movie night. It was a great event and fun for all

- Early Learners- apparently there was a mis-communication with regards to ames t-shirts.... Some were questioning whether or not they were supposed to get ames shirts, and unfortunately we won't be able to provide them with ames tshirts.

#### Secretary- Patty

- Minutes from October approval: Maria and Kelly
- Directories will be handed off to format and then go to printers. Expect a December delivery.

#### Treasurer- Kelly

- Budget approval- Patty, Maria
- Budget will be available to view online

#### VP Communications- Deb and Lou

- 300 subscribers to social media and a very high open rate to news letters, so people are watching and interested. Insta and FB are up and running and AMES community is checking us out.
- New looks for pages look great!

#### VP Cultural Arts and Educational Programming- Jennifer

- Holiday Shop delivery is still TBD but may go to Jennifers house and can be distributed. Still working on details
- "Science in Your Inbox" will replace science in a bag. 4 experiments- one a week during month of January.
- One Book One School... stay tuned. Still working on it

#### VP Room Reps- Maria

- We are all set with reps. We currently have 2-5 per grade.
- Holiday/Winter keepsake will go home with kids- wooden snowman with kids picture. Can decorate at home

#### Hospitality- Michelle (not in attendance)

- \$700 raised for fall teacher appreciation. We will get uber eats/ giftcards for staff.
- We will provide dinner/food to teachers during Thursday teacher conference night.

#### New Business-

- Van Gogh Pictures- There has been much discussion throughout the community about major dissatisfaction with the new company for student pictures. Please open the discussion to other schools and the leadership team about how terrible the pictures have turned out this year!

#### Adjourn- 7:31

Attendance- Susan, Maria, Kelly, Deanna, Marissa, Auste, Lou, Deb, Jennifer, Mr. Gierman