

## Ames PTA Meeting

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:36 Call to Order- Deanna Melvin, President

President- Deanna Melvin

- Introduction of our New PTA President, and welcome back to Ames.
- We hope to do some fun stuff this year. Its an auction year, but not happening. Maybe a fun fair or some other event to replace auction for this year?? Stay tuned.
- We need volunteers!! Please consider helping out PTA. We have several board positions open. But we also just need help on different committees. You can partner up with a friend!

Mr Gierman-

- This is Mr. Gierman's 9<sup>th</sup> year as Principal of Ames.
- Thank you to PTA Board for being awesome. This year will look a lot different from a traditional year, but hoping to have more fun stuff and activities brought back this year.
- No Parent Volunteers in building for now. We will need to figure out how to make some things happen.
- Approx 340 kids eating lunch at Ames. Trying our best to follow ISB recommendations so we will try to manage 12 kids at a lunch table. 1st, 2nd, and half of 3<sup>rd</sup> will eat together, while 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> and ½ of 3<sup>rd</sup> will eat together. It's the only solution we could figure out. Assigned seats will have to happen in order to make contact tracing possible.
- Please parents, fill out pledge to keep kids home if they are sick.
- Covid Protocol: Portal into classroom: if covid quarantine happens, there will be technology set up in classroom. Cameras, speakers, etc, so that kids can view class from home. (they may need a day or two to get set up).
- Spit testing will happen again. If you do not want your child to participate, fill out form. Otherwise, your child will participate. Testing will happen in school by Shield of Illinois. We aim to have 85% participation rate.
- Right to Play- Illinois mandated recess of 30 minutes of play and SEL a day.
- We are looking forward to Jesse White Tumblers today. Thanks to PTA for making this happen. The street will get closed off around 11:00.

Questions for Mr. Gierman:

- If child has a fever, do we need Covid test? - we don't know yet. Stay tuned.
- Picture Day- will it be outside and are we using Van Gogh again? – not sure if outside yet, and yes we are using Van Gogh.
- General comment: The Village of Riverside is boasting a 90% vaccination rate. While NR is more like 50%. PLEASE people, get your vaccine !!!!!

Treasurer- Kelly Tabb

- Budget is out and will get posted. It will likely change due to Covid allowances.

Secretary- Patty Romero

- Directories – please check your inbox. We need authorization to allow student info into directory. Should be out mid-late October.

VP Communications- Louisa Fitzgerald, Deb Soriano

- Please sign up for newsletter. Follow us on FB and Insta. Its how we communicate.
- Any parent have Web Design skills??? We could use some help redesigning our page.

VP Cultural Arts & Education- OPEN

- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

VP School Volunteers- Maria Munch

- Look for email regarding room reps. We don't know how room reps will be utilized this year, but we still need them. They will be chosen on a first come, first served basis...

VP Hospitality- Michelle Galindo

- Need a helper.

New Business... none

Adjourn- 9:45

Attendance: Kelly Rehmer, Cathy Schlie, Erin Rodriguez, Angie Ecker, Travis Newsome, Ash Russo, Jennifer Butler, Susan Wolfe, Kim Marrero, Sylvia Hernandez, Mary Arlowski, Alanna Cotham, Robin Newberry, Julia Lembke, Minelia Hermsdorf, Robert Hermsdorf, Art Garcia, Michelle Galindo, Maria Munch, Marissa Serio, Kelly Tabb, Patty Romero, Lou Fitzgerald, Deanna Melvin