

Ames School PTA
Membership Meeting
August 26, 2016

MINUTES

I. Call to order & Welcome – 8:30 AM

II. Guests

A. Mr. Todd Gierman

- a. Follow Ames Facebook page for announcements
- b. Thank you to Ames PTA for supporting the school with Pizza with the Principal, field trips, and assemblies
- c. New school furniture
 - i. Office
 - ii. Art room
 - iii. Library
- d. Upgraded technology equipment for students
- e. Noted several new staff members
- f. Grade/class sizes
 - i. The largest increase in enrollment for the district was at Ames
 - ii. Grade Sizes
 1. Kindergarten – 3 sections
 2. 1st – 2 sections
 3. 2nd – 5th – 3 sections each
 - iii. Class size
 1. 1st grades classes are at about 25 students/class
 2. There are and will be 2 adults per class for the entire school day
 3. The district is in the process of hiring 2 full-time paraprofessionals
- g. Purchase 92 Repton Rd by District 96
 - i. For more information, visit <http://www.district96.org/about-district-96/finance/> “District 96 Real Estate Purchase”
 - ii. District is forming Facilities Committee – email Mrs. Martha Ryan-Toye to express interest in participating
- h. Pick Up and Drop Off
 - i. NO cell phones! This is a safety concern. If you violate the law, expect charges to be pressed
 - ii. The Riverside police will be enforcing the no parking zones

B. Mrs. Sonja Lewis

- a. Head lice – more detailed information will be sent by Mr. Gierman via email
 - i. Look for red spots on scalp and nits usually near the nape of the neck
 - ii. Keep child from school
 - iii. See a physician
 - iv. Child must be cleared to return to class
- b. Sick day guidelines – more detailed information will be sent by Mr. Gierman via email

III. Officer Reports

A. President

1. Working to provide child care during future PTA meetings
2. Introduction of PTA board members
 - a. Co-presidents – Kim Marrero and Dawn Eagleson
 - b. VP Hospitality – Laura Zaremba
 - c. Secretary – Karen Nishimura
 - d. VP Fundraising – Emelia Kowalski
 - e. Treasurer – Kirsten Bell
 - f. VP Cultural Arts – Flavio Gonzalez

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- g. VP Room Reps – Dana Frank
- 3. Membership
 - a. \$10 to join and open to all families
 - b. Will receive Ames directory as part of membership
- 4. Communication
 - a. PTA is separate from school
 - b. Go to amespta.org to sign up for news updates
 - c. Advised to sign up for news updates from Ames and District also at corresponding websites
 - d. All can be followed on Facebook and Twitter
- 5. Calendar will be online ONLY this school year
 - a. Go to amespta.org to view calendar
 - b. Possible to download calendar to your mobile phone
- 6. Need volunteers to chair
 - a. Teacher Appreciation committee
 - b. Fall Parent Social
 - c. Photographers for PTA and school events for yearbook
- B. Secretary
 - 1. Approve Minutes from May 3, 2016
 - a. Motion to approve – Elizabeth Kos
 - b. 2nd motion to approve – Liz Buoscio
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
 - 2. Membership cards/Directories
 - a. Members will receive membership cards and
 - b. School directory
- C. Treasurer
 - 1. Approve budget for 2016-2017
 - a. Motion to approve – Katie Kowal
 - b. 2nd motion to approve Elizabeth Kos
 - c. All in favor/none opposed
- D. VP Cultural Arts & Educational Programs
 - 1. Family Reading Night, Sept 12, 6:30-7:30 pm
- E. VP Fundraising & Events
 - 1. Fundraising Goal for 2016-2017 is \$20,000
 - 2. Ongoing Fundraisers:
 - a. Direct donation
 - b. Amazon Smile
 - a. Sign up to support A F Ames PTA (space between A and F)
 - c. Box Tops/Labels for Education
 - a. Send in an envelope to school with your child
 - d. Red Robin – sign up for loyalty program to earn money for PTA
 - e. Fun lunch forms are on PTA website
 - 3. August/September Fundraisers:
 - a. Spirit Wear, August 24-September 9
 - b. Scholastic Book Fair, September 9 & 12
 - a. Parent Preview with child’s class will be scheduled
 - b. Volunteers needed – See Feedblitz next week for sign up link
 - c. Charleston Gift Wrap, September 23-October 7
 - d. 5 B’s BBQ Night – drive thru dinner at Ames
 - a. will need volunteers to help
 - 4. September Events:

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- a. Family Movie Night, Sept 23, 6:30-8:30 pm in conjunction with next PTA meeting
- 5. Election Day Bake Sale will be held
 - a. Member asked about selling crafts as well
 - b. Mr. Gierman stated that there will be plain-clothes officers present to secure access to hallways, classrooms, and bathrooms during the election
- F. VP In School Volunteers
 - 1. Room Reps
 - a. Email will be sent soon for volunteers
 - b. Work with teachers to communicate to parents, plan in-class parties, get classroom volunteers and field trip chaperones
 - 2. Library Volunteers
 - a. Shelve books
 - b. Help children choose books
 - 3. D96 Volunteer Information Form and Waiver of Liability
 - a. Required to volunteer in the school
 - b. Must be completed each school year
 - c. Link on Ames PTA website

V. Adjourn – 9:38 AM

In Attendance:

Kim Marrero, Dawn Eagleson, Karen Nishimura, Kirsten Bell, Laura Zaremba, Emelia Kowalski, Katie Kowal, Domenica Jimenez, Christine Long, Kendall Cochran, Tia Sherman, Bree McEwan, Liz Buoscio, Leilani Navarro, Michelle Udelson, Elizabeth Kos, Lora Gardiner, Lisa Swicionis, Nicki Ungaro, Carrie Zalewski, Iris Velazquez, Nicole Cavaliere, Isela Lopez, Michelle Hodge, Kris McCormack, Katie Gregory, Meliinda Yachnin, Kelly Tabb, Maria Munch, Julia Lembcke, Michelle Galindo, Elizabeth Tomasek, Andrea Frost, Patty Romero, Brandon Beck, Kristy Tokarz, Kevin Ahern, Todd Gierman, Sonja Lewis

Mark your calendars!

September 8 – Back to School Night

September 23 - PTA Meeting during Family Movie Night

September 26 – Picture Day