

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
August 3, 2020
Snapper's

Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 1:03p

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kelly Mueting, Joy Pritchard, Kristen Boe, Erika Graves, Kate Mendenhall

Guests present: Mr. Kasey Huebner

Purpose Statement: PIE provides the students of the Spirit Lake Elementary School activities and opportunities that support and extend their education above and beyond the classroom.

2020-21 Returning Board Members:

Jessica Garvin

Amanda Smith

Joy Pritchard

Alison Schmitz

Greta Gruys

Kelly Mueting

Erika Graves

Nicole Evans

Kristen Boe

Kate Mendenhall

Officers:

Facilitator- Nicole Evans

Secretary- Greta Gruys

Treasurer- Kelly Mueting

Principal Report

Mr. Huebner provided report.

Playground Update: Really coming along! Groundwork is being completed. Cement being poured for sidewalk today- it is looking great. Boly Recreation will be doing the installation starting August 17th (due to COVID, unable to have volunteers do install) with goal of having completed before 1st day of school on August 24th. Pea rock was laid by the trees today by Beck Excavating. Musical instruments will be coming later. An anonymous donor gifted \$10,000 to the playground project and the Dickinson County Endowment Fund gifted \$15,000 to assist with the new equipment.

Parking lot will be completed soon. A video will be made by Mr Huebner and sent to all students' families/guardians sharing with them the new pick-up/drop-off protocols. Completion of classrooms will hopefully be completed by late December/early January. Elementary Gym is currently being used as a holding space and so all PE classes will be held outside until weather becomes unfavorable/inclement and then moved back indoors to gym.

No Open House again this year- Intake Conferences will be performed again- tentatively scheduled for August 18, 19, and 20th. Teachers will send out times available via SignUp Genius and accommodate those that cannot meet during time slots offered.

New 4th grade teacher- Mr Rogers. Only new staff member, many new associate positions however in the elementary. Plan to give Mr Rogers a \$75 welcome gift card to Amazon from PIE.

COVID 19 precautions regarding reopening are continually being worked on. Plan to resume in-person learning 8/24. Board work session tonight 8/3 and will be shared following the meeting later this week and finalized by the Board meeting 8/10. Enough for every student to have 2 facemasks and face shields; will likely be given at the Intake Conferences. Lots of sanitizing, changes being made within the classroom and logistical issues being worked out. Flexibility is key!

Teacher assignments will be shared later this week on Infinite Campus as well as class assignments in the Foyer of elementary.

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

Report printed and distributed. Of note, DCEF grant of \$15,000 and Anonymous Donor \$10,000 for playground improvements received. Kelly Mueting shared expenses: \$25 Quicken accounting fee, \$108 Tri-State Litho printing for Teacher Appreciation Banner, and \$50 gift card to Ferguson's Nursery for Melodee O'Neill, school secretary who recently retired.

Motion made by Greta to approve; second Joy. Ayes all, motion carried

Budget

- Review 2019-20 Expenditures
- Set/Discuss 2020-21 Budget

Board members reviewed line by line item and discussed each expense.

Will plan to investigate Quicken nonprofit status.

Due to install mandate (not able to have volunteers install) there is an unexpected cost of \$8,000 from Bolyn. Motion made by Kelly, second by Nicole, to have installation paid for by SLCS D but will offer to pay half of the cost (\$4,000) if the school is for some reason unable to pay for installation. Ayes all, Motion carried.

"Teacher's Favorites" for Intake Conferences

- List of teacher's favorite color, movie, drink, etc. typically given out at Open use/Intake Conferences with goal of student getting to know their new teacher a little bit better.

Fundraiser Updates

- Joy Pritchard has been working with Colin of Greater Plains Fundraiser this is being worked on currently and updates coming at the next meeting

Miscellaneous

- A&W Restaurant generously agreed to donate 575 free cone coupons to give to each child at their intake conference with their teacher (ice cream cone in lieu of popsicles/treats typically handed out at the Open House in the past)
- A local business is partnering with school to donate water bottles for every student (drinking fountains closed due to COVID restrictions).
- Plan to ask Mr. Huebner if there any additional "big projects" on the horizon for us to be aware of and need to budget for
- Idea proposed of an afterschool Spanish program for kids; could possibly utilize elementary space? To discuss and look into this possibility.

Future Meetings

- 2nd Monday of each month, location TBD.

Motion made by Kate to adjourn; second Kristen; Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:31p.

Next meeting: Monday, September 14th at 12:00p location TBD (will look into churches or library as a potential location to meet if we are unable to meet in elementary school due to COVID restrictions).

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary