

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
October 12, 2020
CrossWinds Church - Spirit Lake

Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 12:01.

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Kelly Mueeting, Joy Pritchard, Kristen Boe, Jessica Garvin, Kate Mendenhall

Guests Present: Kasey Heubner, Andrea Schacherer

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

Principal Report:

- Mr. Heubner says nothing new, mostly preparing for Parent/Teacher conferences. Sign up to be sent out around 29th. Option to do in-person or Zoom conferences. No conference babysitting this year due to COVID.
- New picture (Strawbridge) company this year, still waiting for pictures to come in.
- Not a lot of Homecoming events besides parade.
- Construction still on timeline to finish around/during winter break to move in January...will result in a new dismissal routine.
- Request made to ask for continual COVID numbers to be put in the weekly newsletter. These come from the district. Kids are very compliant to keeping masks on, no issues. They do run out of disposable masks, which are used when kids forget to bring one for the day. Use about 5 boxes a day. Idea floated out to provide a reusable mask to turn in at the end of the day and school could do the laundry, they do have a few available.
 - Motion to buy cloth masks for school to use put forth by Kate Mendenhall. Seconded by Kristen Boe. All Ayes. Nicole will look into options.
- Several students have transitioned from Virtual Learning to in-person learning. Kasey has sat in with Mrs. Nebelsick's Zoom sessions. 15-20 minutes of reading lesson and then an assignment. An hour later, the same for math. She can also videotape lessons ahead of time and schedule them in SeeSaw. Teachers plan their weekly lessons and share with Mrs. Nebelsick teaches it virtually the next week. At home learning time is very similar to in-person time. Students are able to come in and check books out from the library.
- Question about the musical instruments, if there are mallets missing. The rocks around them are too high to really produce good sound. Hard rubber mats would be nice to add to the bottom of some playground items so the ground doesn't sink, about \$500 each?
- Possible fundraising ideas from Teacher PD Day:
 - Add sunshades, mulch, possible wall etc to the outdoor classroom to separate from the playground and make it a more comfortable space to use.
 - Another idea to spruce up the area around the larger playground swing sets.

Review/Approve September Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kate, Second by Joy, All Aye. Motion Carried.

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report: Final payments made for playground. Motion to approve by Jessica, Second by Kelly. All Aye. Motion carried.

Fundraiser Update:

- \$28,607 online total, ballpark idea in packets \$15,000. Seems COVID made the transition to online ordering go well.
- Instant gratification to get coops from teachers right away.
- Idea to have a Zoom with all of the classrooms at the same time to celebrate the fundraiser success. As long as each classroom participated in the fundraiser, everyone gets a popsicle since we can't do an extra recess this year.
- Delivery is set for Tuesday November 10th before conferences, 4-7 pm. For pickup, use walkie talkies for drive-through and bring out items to the car. Instead of conference babysitting, we could use the After-Prom (Key Club, 8th Grade Trip, etc) kids to assist with running orders. Y Kids is using the middle school and elementary cafeterias

after school now, so if orders are set out in the cafeteria then additional space would need to be found for Y Kids. Will entice with \$250 for help, half of the usual amount for 2 nights of conference babysitting.

Conferences:

- Thursday November 5th and Tuesday November 10th
- Meals organized by Erika Graves, will need to be grab and go/individualized and will probably cost more than usual. Will use a Sign-Up Genius for extra donations, supplies, etc.

Book Fair

- Will be completely online this year, November 2-15. 1st email has already been sent out to parents. Theme is time machine/history.
- Jessica will talk to Jodi (librarian) to maybe order some of the books and still create displays in the library to create excitement for kids. Idea to have dress up days.
- Free shipping with all \$25 orders.
- Looking for ideas on how to make teacher book wish lists available.
- There will be a preview week you can look ahead of time, but you can't actually shop until the 2nd.

Box Tops

- Totals have dropped in the last several years, especially with Box Tops moving to an app. Still get a check twice a year, but within the app you can view the real-item total.
- Idea for a "Round Up" campaign at grocery stores as a fundraiser.
- Will grocery stores be willing to post a sign on the freezer doors for Tyson labels?
- We need to keep sharing on social and in newsletters/emails to remind people these programs exist

Field Trips

- School of the Wild- Do we participate in this, is there interest in it? With field trips not really happening, how can we shift our spending to still provide extra educational opportunities outside of the classroom.
- Can we ask the teachers to brainstorm what an alternative "field trip" experience they would want to do.

Next Meeting: November 9th at noon.

Kelly moved to end meeting, Jessica second. All Ayes. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.