

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
May 10, 2021
Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kate Mendenhall, Kelli Kruger, Joy Pritchard, Jessica Garvin, Kristen Boe, Ali Schmitz, Kelly Mueeting

Guests present: Mr. Kasey Huebner

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

Principal Report

Mr. Huebner provided report.

10 days left of school! Planning for school year 2021-22 already underway. 4th grade classes to return to elementary building (90 students) next school year. 7 new teachers were hired in just the elementary building! Ms. Johnson will transfer to 2nd grade, Mrs. Coon will move to 3rd grade, and Mr. Rogers to 7th grade. Mrs. Nebelsick will return from online learning to her 1st grade classroom. Mrs. Kramer will no longer be teaching ECSE and will be transferred ES Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Zinnel will be teaching 1st grade, Ms. Hassell will teach 4th grade, and Mrs Stolen will teach ECSE.

Review/Approve April Meeting Minutes

Sent via email and a copy distributed.

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

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

Report printed and distributed. Nicole provided report.

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

BRAWL (Bike Ride Around West Lake) & 4th Grade Graduation

- Water, bananas/granola bars at pitstops, lunches, and special stickers will be provided by PIE. Coordinating with PE Teacher Mr. O'Hagan. Pizza will be ordered and delivered by Pizza Ranch/Godfather's. Will be held Friday, May 21st.

Amazon Wish List

- Idea to create "Teacher Wish Lists" on Amazon for classroom supplies needed. Does not appear that Amazon is currently doing this/seasonal initiative. Plan to also create School Supply List and make available on Amazon. Will follow-up at July meeting.

Book Vending Machine

- Nicole shared new idea – Book Vending Machines. As a reward/incentive, kids would receive a gold coin for showing positive traits (responsibility, character, leadership, kindness, etc.) and may put the coin into a machine to pick out a book of their choice! Company is Global Vending located in West Liberty, Iowa, and carries the "Bookworm Vending Machines" machines sold for \$4,120. Pictures of the book vending machine were included in April Minutes and Treasurer

Report packet. Positive response from PIE members. Nicole will look into further and discuss at July meeting.

Miscellaneous

- “Mabel’s Labels” fundraising idea- Kate will get logo from Joy in order to create. Will send out information in how to order to parents in August prior to school starting.
- Outdoor Classroom idea- company brings in tree stumps to serve as stools and create an outdoor learning environment for kids. Might contact tree companies to see if stumps could be donated. Plan to follow-up with Mr. Huebner to see if this would be possibility for elementary students and if insurance carrier/playground would also include tree stumps.
- Enrichment Opportunity
Kate contacted “Owl and Glass”-“Eulenspiegel” puppet theater that comes to schools to do workshops, presentations, and work in classrooms. Can include puppet making/creation and integrate into art class with Mrs. Bruinsma. Wide range of program ideas that cover variety of topics with “history” being a very popular option. Costs vary \$500-1000 per day (however there are grants available for history topics to reduce cost by 50%). Typically 2 or 3 days of programming; 3 day package or 2 day packages available. Kate will follow-up for more information and will discuss at next PIE meeting in July. Please visit <https://owlglass.org/> for more information.
- Summer School Field Trip
Summer School kids typically do a summer field trip to Boji Bantam theater. Will follow-up with in the next few weeks and PIE will also offer support should they decide to do a different field trip if unable to attend this year due to OST summer changes.
- Next Year Goals- How to Grow PIE
Discussion about how to grow PIE meeting attendance and membership in 2021-22. Felt limited due to COVID restrictions this year. Will need to come up with some recruitment ideas over the summer.
- Amazon Smile donations to nonprofits; Greta will create a step-by-step guide for parents/guardians on how to designate SL Elementary PIE as the recipient for the percentages of items purchased.

Motion made by Kristen to adjourn; second Joy. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:03p.

Next meeting: Mid-July, TBD. This will be an extended meeting due to budget planning for 2021-22.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary