

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
July 19, 2021 at 2:00p
Budget Meeting for 2021-22

Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 2:03p.

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

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.

Returning Board Members: Nicole Evans, Kelly Mueeting, Greta Gruys, Jessica Garvin, Kelli Kruger, Joy Pritchard, Alison Schmitz, Kate Mendenhall, Erika Graves

2021-22 Officers: Nicole Evans, Facilitator/President; Greta Gruys, Secretary; Kelly Mueeting, Treasurer.

Principal Report:

Kasey Huebner provided update via handout that highlighted staff changes, important dates, and changes. Registration will begin July 21- August 16 online or in person, Intake Conferences will be held 18-19 (signup via Sign-up Genius), Fall Blast will be held Oct 22, Winter Blast will be held Jan 25, and Conferences Nov 9 & 11 and March 3 and 8. Kindergarten will continue as in year's past with the "slow start" - ½ class coming 1st day, ½ class coming 2nd day, and all kindergarteners returning for the 3rd day. Class lists will be posted on Infinite Campus in early August and will be posted on Facebook for all in mid-August. School will begin earlier, at 8:15am, instead of 8:20am.

Budget

- Review Treasurer's Report
Alliant gave a donation from their employees to Elementary PIE.
BRAWL expenses were greater because it was a combined event this year with graduation celebration.
Kate made motion to approve Treasurer's Report; Jessican second. Ayes all, motion carried.
- Review 2020-21 Expenditures and Set/Discuss 2021-22
Spreadsheet of annual expenses dispersed by Kelly Mueeting.
Noted changes/discussion:
Conference meals will once again be catered with sign-up genius for parents to give \$10 amounts to donate. Budget for meals increased to \$750 (2 nights).
Donation to after prom in amount \$to have students/parents on the after prom committee assist with bringing fundraiser items out for drive-through pick-up.
Request for STEM Fair signs (Reusable year to year)
Plan to eliminate 4th grade graduation celebration from budget and combine with BRAWL as a celebratory event and increase BRAWL budget to \$600 (bike ride). Mr. O'Hagan will take the lead and assist in organizing again.
To remove BoxTop postage expenses because all are now electronic submission.
Fundraising costs increased \$500 to include donation to after prom committee to assist with delivery of fundraising items.
Consideration to be given to have both 3rd and 4th grade for swimming lessons at the YMCA, as 4th was unable to have swim lessons due to COVID.

7 gift cards for new teachers in the amount of \$75 to Amazon to be used for classroom supplies.
Plan to give \$50 for returning teachers.
Need to add Fall Blast line item; will add \$1000 to mirror Winter Blast budget.
Will change title of line item from "Music Event (James Hirsch)" to "Arts Enrichment" \$1500
Will add "STEM Enrichment" with \$1500
Teacher Appreciation increased to \$500 (with parents contributing to sign-up genius slots \$10)
Summer School Field Trip to Boji Bantam to remain \$300 (was not used last year due to COVID)
Will eliminate COVID line item
Will add line item for annual playground maintenance in amount \$2,500
Motion to approve the 2021-22 PIE Budget, as presented, made by Joy; second Jessica. Ayes all, motion carried.

Teacher's Favorites for Intake Conferences

- Nicole Evans to take lead on this; shared with students/families to get to know your teacher. Given out at Intake Conferences and will also make available in digital format.

Fundraiser

- Joy Pritchard to take lead on this again. Plan to continue as have been done in prior years in the 3rd-4th week of September with delivery coinciding with Fall Conferences. Will utilize Prom Committee to assist with delivery/bring out.

Puppets

- Kate Mendenhall to take lead. Kate shared puppet option last Spring and discussed grant monies available. Typically run \$1,000. Will go with History theme to be eligible for grant monies. Will use as a reward for fundraising success/goal met.

Mabel's Labels

- Kate Mendenhall to take lead
- Will receive informational handouts/examples of prototypes in 3-4 weeks
- https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/

Absolute Science

- Greta Gruys to take lead on
- <https://absolute-science.com/>
- Handout sent via email with pricing/options
- Decision made to go ahead with Discovery Stations for 1st graders and schedule 2 shows at the SAMI center for all elementary students/staff to see. Will most likely be in the Spring 2022. Greta will contact Gary Heady to see availability of SAMI Center and be in touch with Absolute Science.

Book Vending Machine

- Nicole Evans to take lead on – Global Vending
- Positive reward system; student receives a token after demonstrating positive behaviors at school to redeem for a book of their choosing in the vending machine. The turnaround is 4-5 months after placing order and prices range from \$4750-5370 depending upon selection of

machine. Decision made to forgo on vending machine BUT to create an awesome display case purchased by PIE with books and students can still purchase through a token reward system.

Outdoor Classroom

- Kelly Mueeting will be lead on this. She reached out to the elementary school teachers and interest varied by grade level; upper levels were more receptive to this concept. Idea to start with a minimal concept and advance from there based upon feedback from teachers/staff. Discussion about collaboration with Nature Center and ISU Extension. Jordan Coon, teacher, is interested in chairing this committee. Plan to get more information and move forward in the near future.

Mindfulness

- Kristen Boe sent email to PIE board members regarding Mindfulness teaching for students and staff. The value and benefit was discussed and all agreed upon as a positive addition. Question of whether Mrs. Thompson (guidance counselors) already incorporates this into the classroom but unsure to what degree. Plan to gather more information and prices and discuss at September meeting,

PIE Requests

Discussed need for teachers to use their gift cards for classroom needs. Decision made to increase amount of gift cards to each teacher (\$50→ \$75) and eliminate teacher requests. Will also \$50 for Fall Blast requests and \$50 Winter Blast requests (must provide receipt for). This will be communicated via email to all.

Miscellaneous

- Amazon Smile
Greta created a step-by-step guide for parents/guardians on how to designate SL Elementary PIE as the recipient for the percentages of items purchased. Plan to share on social media.

Motion made by Greta to adjourn; second Kelly. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:09.

Next meeting: Monday, September 13th at 12:00p in Elementary Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary

** Addendum: Following meeting, resignation was received from board member Kristen Boe. She is moving to Marshall, MN with her family. Resignation accepted.