

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
September 13, 2021
Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kelli Kruger, Kate Mendenhall, Ali Schmitz, Joy Pritchard

Guests present: Trisha Dahm, Amy Groen, David Matthews, Jamie Hunter, Heather Kalkhoff, Sunny Battazzi, and 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.

School year off to a great start! He has been working on the Gaga Pit and it is 50% completed.

Fundraiser to begin on Friday. 3rd and 4th graders at Clay County Fair this week; Kindergarten will be going on a Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch in a couple weeks. Homecoming Week October 4-8th.

Halloween Parade will likely be held but may look a little different, TBD. Energy Bus was rolled out with the start of the school year; all students K-4th grade went to Arnolds Park and had a great day to kick off the Energy Bus mindset program to promote values of kindness, respect, and integrity. Very positive event and a great day. Fall Blast will be held October 22nd. Elementary Fall Concert will be on November 18 at the SAMI Center- 6:00 Tk-1st grade; 7:00 2nd-4th graders. The Fall Concert will replace the Holiday Concert this year.

Review/Approve July Budget Meeting Minutes

Sent via email to Board Members and copy distributed.

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

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

Report printed and distributed.

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

Review/Approve 2021-22 Elementary PIE Budget

Report printed and shared with those in attendance.

Motion made by Kelli, second Joy. Ayes all, motion carried.

Fundraiser

- Kick-off - Friday, September 17 and will run for 2 weeks, ending on Monday, Oct 4th
- Teachers will share video with students (rather than assembly in gym) to kick-off fundraiser
- Joy Pritchard, volunteer coordinator with fundraiser
- Delivery: Tuesday, November 9th with drive through for pick up (will utilize PIE volunteers and HS after prom committee volunteers)
- Incentives: Key chains for every 5 items sold; Top 5 sellers are recognized; Traveling Trophy for Top Classroom; Top 3 classrooms will each have a prize (previous year 1st pizza party, 2nd root beer floats, 3rd popcorn party)

- 40-50% total sales stay with school! Goal to raise \$20,000 to 30,000

Outdoor Classroom

- Kelly Mueeting is looking into developing an outdoor, natural classroom for students. Early stages of developing a committee of parents and teachers. Will continue to grow and add to outdoor classroom each year.

Puppets

- Eulenspiegel Puppets from West Liberty, Iowa, to come to SL Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 30th to perform show at the SAMI Center. Johnny Appleseed is the theme.
- Kate Mendenhall, PIE coordinator
- <https://owlglass.org/>
- Puppet Workshop for 3rd graders will be held that day and art teacher Kari Bruinsma will be incorporating puppet making into her art class that week.
- Subsidized through a history grant program; usual cost \$1,000 but cost will be \$500

Absolute Science!

- Absolute Science! will come to SL Elementary on March 4th to perform 2 shows in the SAMI Center (PK-1st and 2nd-4th) and 6 Discovery Stations (Hands on science) in the Black Box room. Will need volunteers to assist with the Discovery Stations on March 4th.
- Total cost \$1,100 due day of show, Sponsored by PIE

Gaga Ball

- Purchased online and lumbar purchased locally; approximately 50% completed. Mr Huebner has been working to complete the installation.

Book Vending Machine

- Students would receive a token as a reward for displaying positive behaviors (merit based) and then get to bring the token to the Book Vending Machine and chose a book of their liking. PIE Committee members researched other less costly options to display books, but none did present itself as a better purchase. Initial quote was ~\$4750. Motion made by Greta to purchase the Book Vending Machine, second Kelly. Ayes all, Motion carried.

Book Fair

- To be held during Fall Conferences during November. The Spirit Lake Elementary librarians will run the Book Fair going forward, with support from PIE volunteers and parents.

Miscellaneous

- PIE Attendance- please invite others to come! Great to see many new attendees at the meeting today.
- Looking for a New Board member to replace Kristen Boe; please contact Nicole Evans if you are interested.

Motion made by Greta to adjourn; second Kate. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:51p. Next meeting to be held Monday, October 11th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary