Spirit Lake Elementary PIE

November 8, 2021

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Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 12:05

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Kate Mendenhall, Kelli Mueting, Jessica Garvin, David Matthews, Jamie Hunter

Guests present: None

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

Meeting was started off welcoming two new board members Jamie Hunter and David Matthews. We are all excited to have them on board with us.

Principal Report

Kasey Huebner reported November is off to a busy start with conferences, fundraiser pick up, book fair and just lots of other behind the scenes things going on. Lots of good happening and year is going well. No school November 12th. Elementary Winter vocal concert is back to evening of November 18th, a little different than in the past, in November rather than December. Puppets coming at the end of the month to finish out the month and gear up for December and Winter break. Fall blast reports were all positive and good, a lot of work goes into them, but the teachers enjoy doing for the kids as it helps break up the normalize of everyday. There will be a Winter Blast, but Spring blast is geared more towards the end of the year events. A 1-day event vs. weeklong with curriculum.

Review/Approve October Meeting Minutes

Sent via email to Board Members and copy distributed.

Motion made by Kelly to approve; second David. Ayes all, motion carried.

Review/Approve Treasurer’s Report

Report printed and distributed. Kelly Mueting provided updates.

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

Fundraiser

* Results

Great success-total amount around $70,000 waiting on final online sales. Large deposit done and will get final bill from company to mail check early to get a discount they will then send the final online sales money.

* + A few checks floating not knowing who they belong to as ordered from- Joy is working on tracking down and either voiding checks or reordered for them
* Delivery

All items scheduled to be delivered to school tomorrow November 9th; Junior After Prom committee will assist as “runners” to assist with delivery to vehicles from 4:00-7:00p for a donation to their after-prom party. PIE and Parent Volunteers will be needed 1:30-2:30p to assist with unloading and organizing items from truck in the lunchroom. Plus, at night if anyone available to help with pick up.

* Refunded teachers for Fall Blast/ $50 per teacher
  + Sara Laven- pooled together with other teachers larger check refund
  + 2nd grade teachers all pooled together to go to the Grove- PIE paid The Grove directly

Conferences

* November 9th and November 11th
* Erika Graves handling meals and signup genius- lots of money being dropped off should be a success

Book Fair

* Spirit Lake Elementary librarians will run the Book Fair going forward, with support from PIE volunteers and parents.
* Book fair underway running November 8- November 12, 2021
* Proceeds from Book Sale go to the school and library
* Kasey mentioned needing help next year for setup and tear down, suggested to have a signup genius created sooner with setup and tear down included. Tear down will be Friday- anyone that can help would be great. Jessica will follow up with Jodi to find out time.

Outdoor Classroom

* Kelly Mueting provided update.
* Email to teachers/staff received mixed reviews last Spring 2021. Has a few teachers on board, going to reach out and talk to those teachers to setup a committee and see what they have in mind
* Discussion of what outdoor classroom may look like, tree stumps, composting, etc.
  + Starting small and letting it grow
* Kate Mendenhall would like to join committee and help
* Tentative date of December 1st for a meeting, Kelly is going to work on setting that up after school for anyone interested in the starting discussions

Absolute Science

* Greta Gruys to take lead on
* <https://absolute-science.com/>
* March 4th there will be 2 shows 9:00 am for Pre-1 grade 10Am 1-4 grades, show is about 45 mins a session
* After the shows grades 1-4 have been invited to come back to the black box for 6 discovery stations, will need about 6 volunteers to help from 11:00-1:00, more to come.

Stem Fair

* Greta Gruys to take the lead on
* Will be back in person on March 31st for 3rd and 4th graders, Kiddos can partner with 2-3 students
* Greta will go into the classrooms in February to discuss, hand out permission slips when received back they will get the poster boards provided by PIE.
* Volunteers will be needed that day, more to come.

Teacher Request:

* Mr. Doxtad requested PIE to help fund an ice maker for the teachers’ lounge
  + Board discussed our mission and requested was denied. Motioned by 1st Jessica 2Nd Kelly

Kim Aneweer- Teacher Support

* Discussed Kim’s idea of providing teacher support with “Thanks a Latte” gifts etc.
  + Setting budget and parameters
* Boards required to get a proposal with more information and ideas along with budgets, frequency ideas. Nicole was going to reach out to Kim and provide to board to review.

Hope Rolls Playground

* Discussion for PIE to give a donation to the Hope Rolls Playground. Fundraising is underway and discussed that it would be great to show support from the PIE group.
* Kelly spoke with our accountant, and it is okay to give a donation if the missions align with one another.
* Discussion was talked about spending PIE dollars to upgrade some our playground for accessibility instead
* Kasey is going to talk to the Special Ed teachers and see what kind of items they think we could use on our own playground and/or if they would use the new Hope Rollis and how often.

Miscellaneous

* Puppet Show

Kate Mendenhall is going to follow up to get confirmation of times etc. Current date for show is November 30th

* Gaga Pit Ball Rules Sign is up. Rules are set and all the kids love. Discussion of a mat was talked about, at this time thing it is okay, but if ever gets moved onto a grass area a mat would be good. Discussion of moving as it’s kind of loud by the 1st grade classrooms. Kasey is going to research some more if that is needing to be done and mat will be discussed then.
* Amazon gift cards purchased for teachers- $75 each, 38 teachers. Kelly is going to get those ordered from Script.
* Discuss of setting up Venmo or paypal for cash donations as current fundraiser company keeps 25% of the cash donation. Kelly talked about this being discussed before, would be a task for the treasurer. Kate thought paypal would be a good option and going to look into it for future. Nicole is going to talk to Steve tomorrow about the exact percentage they keep and if we could reduce that as we are a lot seller for them.

Motion made by Kate to adjourn; second David. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Next meeting to be held Monday, December 13th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Garvin, PIE Board Member