Spirit Lake Elementary PIE

February 14, 2022

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Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 12:00p

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, David Matthews, Kelli Kruger, Kate Mendenhall

Guests present: Trisha Dahm

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 continues to go well! “Sheltered Reality” came to SAMI Center on Friday and put on a music/light show with a focus upon topics such as Never Giving Up, Trying Your Best, and Character. Also went to the Okoboji and Lake Park schools for assemblies that day. It was a GREAT event and very positive response from teachers and students. The sign-ups for Parent/Teacher conferences will be sent out February 24. Conferences will be held March 3 and March 8. Winter Blast is next Friday, February 25. Many fun activities being planned for kids with their choice of what they want to do ranked #1, 2 and 3. Some of the different activities include ice fishing, color run, baking classes, YMCA activities, a ski trip to Mankato, circus exploration, and relaxation/mediation. The swimming lessons for the 3rd graders are concluding this week (sponsored by PIE). The PK and Kindergarten Open Houses to be held March 7th (PK) and March 14th (K). There are 3 associate positions that are 1:1 newly available in the Elementary School; if you know anyone interested, please encourage them to call and apply.

Review/Approve January Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

Review/Approve January Treasurer’s Report

Report printed and distributed. Nicole Evans provided updates.

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

Outdoor Classroom

* Committee met January 17th on teacher in-service day. Productive meeting with decision made on where it will be located. The next steps are to include training with Ashley Hanson from Lakeside Laboratory about outdoor classroom teaching and approval of land use from School District.

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-up

* Open House for future students and families to be held March 7 for preschool and March 14 for kindergarten. Informational booths will be set up. Mr Huebner is putting together a Google Slide Show with pertinent information, documents that need to be completed, TK and K readiness, and information about PIE. Nurse Katy will be available both nights to answer questions.

Conferences

* To be held March 3 and March 8. Sign ups to be sent February 24.
* Babysitting services will not be provided again this year
* Will contact Erika Graves to see if she can help put meals together again for teachers

ABSOLUTE SCIENCE!

* Greta Gruys provided updates. Friday, March 4 in the SAMI Center
* 2 shows each ~45 minutes and needs 30 minutes to reset the stage; 1st show at 8:30 (?) PK-1st grades; 9:45 (?) 2nd-4th grades. PIE members invited to come watch!
* Need PIE volunteers to assist with the 6 hands-on stations in the SAMI Black Box room. 2 shifts; tentatively 10:15-12:30 and 12:15-2:30. Need to have at least 3 volunteers at each shift. Sign-up Genius sent to PIE Committee members; sign up if you are able.
* Payment due day of show- $1100 for 2 shows and discovery stations

STEM Fair

* Greta Gruys provided updates. Thursday, March 31st- STEM Fair Presentations. 2:30-3:00 Elementary students and staff invited to peruse; 6:00-7:00p Family and Friends invited. 3rd graders in the Elementary Gym and 4th graders in the cafeteria
* Will need volunteers to help set up lunchroom tables & supervise set up 1:30ish-3:00ish and help supervise, clean up & return lunchroom tables 6:00-7:30ish. Sign-up Genius sent to PIE Committee members; sign up if you are able.
* February 24- Greta will present to 3rd and 4th grade students and handout packets; Tuesday, March 1st - Permission slips due; Friday, March 4th- Trifold poster boards sent home with students

EPI School Supply Pack Program

* Back to School Supply lists are submitted to company and the packs are customized for each school/grade level. Parents can order online prior to start of school year and packs are delivered to school (free) or to each home (charge). Benefits of using EPI are saving time for parents/families and money (EPI can purchase school supply items in bulk); PIE would be able to make it a fundraiser (if wanted?) by setting the selling price and profit margin. Able to purchase extras and sell in case a parent missed the order deadline. Able to return unsold extras to EPI. EPI promises to replace items broken upon arrival. Discussion amongst PIE committee members resulted in an overall consensus that this was a great initiative for both students and families.

Miscellaneous

* No discussion items

Motion made by David to adjourn; second Kelli. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:44p

Next meeting to be held Monday, March 14th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary