Spirit Lake Elementary PIE

March 21, 2022

Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kelly Mueting, Jessica Garvin, Jamie Hunter, Kelli Kruger

Guests present: None

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 move along- only ~40 days left in the school year! Kids are enjoying the warmer weather for recess.

Anna Kram is the newly hired special ed teacher for the 2022-23 school year (new position due to increasing need/more students).

New preschool teacher position posted for the 2022-23 school year (new full-day section being added in addition to the 2 full-day sections and 2 half day sections).

Winter Blast was held in February and was another great success and students really enjoyed the new opportunities provided.

Staff shared that the students really enjoyed the Absolute Science! Presentation and Hands-on Stations

Conferences went well, thank you notes passed around from staff for the conference meals provided in the evenings.

Vending Machine has been very popular and very much appreciated as an incentive for students. Kids have been quite excited about it!

Outdoor Classroom was given the go-ahead by administration to proceed with plans.

Art Show in the elementary gymnasium on Wednesday, March 23 featuring all student’s works and option to purchase in frame with proceeds to benefit the school art department.

Spring Concert is Thursday, May 5th – will be held during the school day.

Review/Approve February Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

Review/Approve February Treasurer’s Report

Report printed and distributed. Kelly Mueting, Treasurer, provided updates.

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

ABSOLUTE SCIENCE! Follow-up

* Great success according to feedback from teachers/staff; show was found to be very engaging and entertaining, and students really liked the individual stations to travel to freely
* Decision made to book

Vending Machine Follow-up

* Vending Machine a mega hit- each teacher will be given 2 gold coins per month to hand out at their discretion. Several donations have already been received for the vending machine and several businesses have also expressed interest in donating as well.

STEM Fair

* Greta Gruys provided updates. 82 participants and 65 boards distributed. 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.
* Thank you to the PIE Committee member who signed-up to help set up/take down and supervise the event

Teacher Appreciation Week

* May 2-May 6
* Dress up Days- Monday- Super Hero Day; Tuesday- Hat Day; Wednesday- Teacher’s Favorite Color; Thursday- Dress to Impress (Concert Day); Friday- Red and Black Day
* Super Hero theme
* Decision made to do a Mexican Fiesta lunch catered from El Mariachi restaurant (instead of daily treats that have been done in the past) and the sheet cake on Friday (sign up genius). Kelli volunteered to take charge with coordinating the lunch, cake and sign-up genius for parents to donate to.
* Questionnaire for student to fill out “My teacher is awesome because...”, Yard Signs will be put around the building with uplifting messages

Electronic Actions

* Will now be included in PIE Minutes
* Kindergarten Field Trip to Sioux Falls Zoo $1200- Approved.
* 3rd Grade AR Bowling Party- $243- Approved.

Miscellaneous

* School Supply List- Nicole has a meeting on Thursday with representative. Further updates to come.

Motion made by Greta to adjourn; second Kelli. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:37p.

Next meeting to be held Monday, April 11th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,

Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary