

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE  
September 12, 2022  
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by PIE President Jamie Hunter at 12:04p.

Board members present: Jamie Hunter, Greta Gruys, Kelly Mueting, Nicole Evans, Jessica Garvin, David Matthews, Kelli Kruger, Rachel Fandel, Ali Schmitz, Kate Mendenhall, Joy Pritchard

Guests present: Mr. Huebner, Danielle Clouse Gast,

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.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school is underway and the year is off to a great start! Exciting elementary building improvements include new carpet throughout and new touchscreen computers in each. Energy Bus Kick-off was held at Arnolds Park Amusement Park last week and grades K-4 were able to attend.

Starting school on a Thursday as the official start date was very well received amongst teachers, staff, parents, and families. A new class for grades 2-4 is a computer science course taught by Mr.

Dielschneider and a new favorite special thus far for many of the students (replaced SMART room). The current activity with computer science is learning to code and flying a drone. ALICE training will be taught by Mrs. Thompson of what to do should a dangerous person enter the building utilizing age-appropriate language and content. Fundraiser kicked off last Friday and "Pork Chop Posse" figures/keychains remain a popular incentive. PIE group discussed School Newsletter with Mr Huebner and how to best share information with parents and families; will condense to a 2-page format and switch to Monday send out.

Review/Approve July Budget Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

#### Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

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

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

Motion made by Kate to remove former PIE President Nicole Evans from the Bank Northwest PIE Bank Account and replace with new president Jamie Hunter; second by David. Ayes all, motion carried. PIE treasurer Kelly Mueting will remain as a co-signer on the account.

#### Fundraiser

- Joy Hibma, fundraising chair, provided report. Packets were sent home with students on Friday, Sept 9.
- Fundraiser Company: BELIEVE Kids/ShopFund (same company utilized in the past)
- Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade students to sell Sept 9-Sept 23 (but will continue to accept packets and online orders through Sept 26).
- Proceeds from the fundraiser to go towards Outdoor Classroom and continued playground improvements, in addition to the annual opportunities that PIE provides for students and staff.

- Delivery Tuesday, November 9th. Will coincide with Fall Conferences. PIE Members will be needed to help assist with truck delivery and sorting on November 9th. Junior Class Prom Committee will again bring items outside for curbside pick-up (south drive/bus driveway by the playgrounds.) Donation of \$500 will be given to the Prom Committee for this service.
- Incentives: "Porkchop Posse" keychains, Drawing for a Volleyball signed by SL varsity team and Football signed by the Varsity team, and Class prizes for top sellers: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pizza Party, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Movie & Popcorn; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Root beer Floats. If fundraising goal of \$55,000 is met, Mr. Huebner will sleep on the elementary school roof!

#### Outdoor Classroom Updates

- Kelly Mueeting, outdoor committee chair, provided updates
- The logs have been placed for seating as stumps and benches. Two canoes have been repurposed to use as sandboxes and the sand will be delivered to the outdoor classroom in the next couple weeks. A large chalk board was ordered and will be shipped September 22 for the outdoor classroom. Mr. Huebner is working with Mr. Ditsworth and the HS industrial tech class students about building a supply closet/shed for the outdoor classroom supplies. Outdoor classroom supplies to include measuring tapes, magnifying glasses, clipboards, chalk, etc. Mr. Huebner will continue to encourage the teachers to bring their classes to the outdoor classroom. Will ask Outdoor Classroom Committee members to attend 1-2 PIE meetings throughout the year to provide updates.

#### Absolute Science

- Greta Gruys provided report.
- March 3, 2023 at the SAMI Center. Show will be "Mega Levitator" (last year was "Fantastic Foam" show. Described as "a marvelous display of what magnets and conductors can do with energy. This show seems to defy logic as it were magic! Books floating, clear liquid turning black, fire on ice- how can it be?! This show has sound, lights, and even explosions!".
- 2 performances (8:30-9:15 Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> grade; 9:45-10:30 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) with Hands On Discovery Stations to follow from 10:45-2:30 in the Black Box with each class having an assigned time. PIE Volunteers will again be needed to help staff the discovery stations.
- Awaiting contract; quoted price is \$1300.
- Rachel Fandel will serve as the point of contact on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Book Vending Machine

- Each teacher receives 2 tokens each month to be given to 2 students in their classroom to redeem for a book in the vending machine. One token is also given to the Principal's Award monthly winner. Currently, ~80 books per month are being given out.
- Will seek donations from the Book Fair from families during conferences.

#### Book Fair

- Spirit Lake Librarians Jodi Reinke and Elizabeth Jennings will again coordinate. Signup Genius for volunteers to help with set-up, sales, and clean-up will be sent out.
- Book Fair will be held during conferences in November 7-11th; Conferences will be held November 8 and November 10.

#### Electronic Actions

- Approve the purchase of an ice machine for the teachers and staff break room and it was delivered! Teachers were SO excited! It will be installed shortly
- Supply Boxes contract was signed and renewed for school supplies for the 2023-24 school year.

#### Miscellaneous

- Experiences for Students – Kate suggested idea of African drumming group out of Omaha. Will collect more information and share at next meeting. Discussed creating a position within PIE to serve as Experiences Coordinator. Responsibilities of position would be to find special performances/experiences for students, set up contract, and schedule. Will plan to discuss at next meeting.

Motion made by Greta to adjourn; second Rachel. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58.

Next monthly PIE meeting to be held Monday, October 10 at 12:00 at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary