

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE  
July 19, 2023 12:00p  
Annual Budget Meeting for 2023-24

Meeting called to order by PIE President Jamie Hunter at 12:21p

Board members present: Rachel Fandel, Greta Gruys, Kate Mendenhall, Kelly Mueting, Jamie Hunter, Amy Groen, Nicole Evans

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.

Review/Approve May Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

Motion made by Nicole to approve the Minutes; second Kate. Ayes all, motion carried.

Board Members

- Returning board members:
    - Kelli Kruger
    - Joy Pritchard
    - Alison Schmitz
    - Greta Gruys
    - Kelly Mueting
    - Nicole Evans
    - Kate Mendenhall
    - Jamie Hunter
    - David Matthews
    - Rachel Fandel
  - Exiting Board Members:
    - Jessica Garvin
  - New Board Members
    - Amy Groen
    - Heather Kalkhoff
  - Officers:
    - President: Rachel Fandel
    - Vice President: Jamie Hunter
    - Secretary: Greta Gruys
    - Treasurer: Kelly Mueting
- \*Rachel and Jamie will switch roles for the 2023-24 year; Rachel will become PIE president and Jamie will serve as vice president.

Motion made by Kate to approve returning, new and exiting board members and officers; second Nicole. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Greta to accept Rachel Fandel as PIE President and Jamie Hunter as PIE Vice President; second Kelly. Ayes all, Motion carried.

## Principal Report

Welcome to Mrs. Jessica Vancura who is serving as interim Elementary Principal! Former Principal Mr. Kasey Huebner recently accepted the position of Superintendent of the Panorama School District. Online registration is now available for the 2023-24 school year. Families may access via the school website or come in to use the registration kiosks in all school offices for anyone who needs assistance or without access to a device/internet. Intake conferences will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> for students and their families to come in for a 1:1 meeting with their teacher, meet support staff and tour the building. Sign-ups will be sent out by student's teacher in early August via Sign-Up Genius. Teachers will work with parents if neither of the two dates offered work to find an alternative time to meet. There will be six new teachers joining the Spirit Lake Elementary Staff this year (one special education, two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, two 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and one kindergarten). Mrs. Vancura is planning for the entire Elementary school grades TK-4 to go to Arnolds Park Amusement Park to kick-off the Energy Bus positivity curriculum. Mrs. Vancura then provided an update on the upper elementary playground that is in the works. It would replace the playground equipment from 1998 and include resurfacing with either rubberized play and pour or turf. Lifespan is typically 30 years for playground equipment and surfacing, per manufacturer. Both playground options presented are handicap accessible with adaptive equipment.

Option 1: \$481,000 Boland Recreation – equipment with play and pour surfacing and delivery with assembling of equipment.

Option 2: \$327,000 Burke Playground- equipment with turf surfacing and delivery with assembling of equipment.

Cost of disassembly with removal of playground equipment and necessary excavation and tiling was estimated at ~\$35,000 from Beck Excavating (obtained by Mr Huebner prior to leaving).

Mrs. Vancura will follow-up with both companies to ask about whether it would be cheaper or if there is a discount if pour and play surfacing of the lower-level playground is completed at the same time of the upper level playground. Mrs Vancura will also inquire about payment options.

Renderings of both playground options were passed around and discussed. PIE Committee members preferred Option 1 from Boland Recreation with rubberized play and pour surfacing (similar to what is seen at the Queen Park Playground on East Lake). Option 1 appeared to have more age appropriate playground equipment for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades; option 2 appeared to be geared towards more kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade level of play.

Next steps will be for Mrs Vancura to meet with Superintendent Dr Smith to discuss funding of playground equipment. Last playground update to lower level in 2020 was funded by Elementary PIE and grants received from DCEF, Alliant Energy, and Polaris.

## Amazon Wish Lists

- Kate Mendenhall provided the report. Parents and family members can access and purchase items from a teacher's Amazon Wish List. Will share at Intake Conferences, via social media and via email to student's families.

## Teacher's Favorites for Intake Conferences

- Nicole Evans provided the report. A piece paper will be given at Intake Conferences of their teacher's favorites such as favorite color, team, restaurant, movie, beverage, etc., along with PIE meeting information on the backside. Mrs. Vancura will obtain new teachers favorites and provide to Nicole.

### Fundraiser

- Joy Pritchard unable to attend meeting. However, she will chair the fundraiser again this year and the fundraiser company will remain the same and begin the end of September. Goal of ~\$45,000 to \$55,000 to be raised. Will consider creating a Venmo for cash donations to be made to PIE Elementary.

### Outdoor Classroom

- Kelly Mueting provided update. The whiteboard arrived and needs to be installed along with equipment that needs to be stored in the storage shed (to be purchased). Kate brought over a couple trees that had been cut down to be used as balance beams/for students to walk on. Kelly and Outdoor Classroom Committee would like to purchase other items for the outdoor classroom. \$10,000 had been allocated for the outdoor classroom from PIE. Jamie provided pictures and price of a 10'x20' storage shed estimated cost \$6,200. Able to purchase and have immediate delivery. Jamie will inquire about tax exempt status for school or possible discount/donation for purchase of storage shed. Jessica will ask 3<sup>rd</sup> grade science teachers about the purchase of a weather station and its use with their science curriculum. Motion made by Rachel to purchase storage shed; second Nicole, Ayes all.

### Budget

- Review Treasurer's Report
- Review 2022-23 Expenditures
- Set/Discuss 2023-24 Budget

Motion to approve the 2023-24 PIE Budget made by Kate; second Nicole. Ayes all, Motion carried.

### Miscellaneous

- Appreciation noted to Jessica Garvin for her service volunteering to the Elementary PIE organization! Her youngest child will begin MS this year.

Next meeting will be held Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Motion made by Greta to adjourn; second Kate. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:53p.