

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
September 11, 2023 12:00p
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Rachel at 12:02p.

Board members present: Rachel Fandel, Jamie Hunter, Heather Kalkhoff, David Matthews, Kate Mendenhall, Joy Pritchard, Amy Groen

Guests present: Mary Louise

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.

Board Members

- Kelli Kruger
- Joy Pritchard
- Alison Schmitz
- Greta Gruys
- Kelly Mueting
- Nicole Evans
- Kate Mendenhall
- Jamie Hunter
- David Matthews
- Rachel Fandel
- Amy Groen
- Heather Kalkhoff

Officers:

President: Rachel Fandel

Vice President: Jamie Hunter

Secretary: Heather Kalkhoff

Treasurer: Kelly Mueting

Review/Approve July Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

Motion made by Jamie to approve the Minutes; second Amy. Ayes all, motion carried.

Principal Report

Mrs. Vancura was unable to attend the meeting, so Rachel will follow up with her to obtain additional information and send out an update via email. A written report was provided.

1. Outdoor classroom
 - Chalkboard being installed.
 - Clean up request submitted.
 - Compost bins
 - Weather system interest

2. Field trips:
 - TK would like to go to the pumpkin patch
 - Amy moved to approve the field trip, David second. Ayes all, motion carried.
 - 1st grade planetarium in Cherokee
 - Kate moved to approve the field trip, Joy second. Ayes all, motion carried.
3. Playground update:

Mrs. Vancura completed an assessment with Superintendent Dr. Smith. A new HVAC system is needed. The goal to donate to the playground is \$100,000. Rachel will reach out to Mrs. Vancura for more information regarding cost and donation amounts. PIE Committee members preferred playground Option 1 from Boland Recreation (equipment with play and pour surfacing and delivery with assembling of equipment), with a cost estimate of \$481,000. A PIE subcommittee has been created for the playground to discuss costs and strategy moving forward. PIE would like to maintain one year's worth of funds in reserve. This is still in the preliminary stages of planning.
4. 4th grade National Park
Pipestone interest, making a unit around it. Rachel to follow-up with Mrs. Vancura and see if they need anything from PIE regarding costs.
5. Thank you for gift cards
6. Arnold's Park Day/Homecoming Day
AP Day was great. Thank you for donation.
Special homecoming day
7. Great start to the year!

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

- Rachel reviewed the Treasurer's report.
- Kate moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Joy second. Ayes all, motion carried.

Fundraiser

- The fundraiser started Friday, September 8. There are new animal incentive toys this year that will be given as prizes based on items sold. We need to communicate to the kids that their overall goal this year is for the playground. Pickup date for the fundraiser is Thursday, November 9. Volunteers will be needed to help with distributing items.

Vending Machine

- Rachel verified with Jessica in July that we had enough books to start the year. She will inform us if we are running low.

Book Fair

- Check if we need to do a SignUp Genius to get volunteers to help with the book fair.

Outdoor Classroom

- We have a new shed for the outdoor classroom. Mr. Doxtad will let Jamie know if we need additional items to have it stocked. It provides shade and storage for the playground. They are trying to get a schedule set for mowing and weeding, and still

working on installing the whiteboard. Teachers are having a meeting to discuss that it can be used anytime; they don't need to have a specific curriculum created to begin using. Follow up with Mrs. Vancura to see if there is professional development available to explain how to use an outdoor classroom, and to assist teachers with how best to add it to their curriculum. Possibly a naturalist from the Nature Center could provide additional information and education regarding its uses.

Electronic actions

- Shed was approved.

Conference Meals

- Fall conferences will be November 6th and 9th. Rachel is lining up the conference meals with Jen at Yesterday's. She will assist if Rachel is unavailable. PIE would like to continue to work with other local vendors to provide meals in the future as well. One suggestion was Spice & Lemon Cafe in Allure.

Miscellaneous

- Kate is looking into finding more information regarding women's suffrage history programs. Spencer and Okoboji have a grant to cover this; Kate will investigate further and report back at the next meeting. She also emailed Lindsay Carlson about opera opportunities.

Next meeting will be held Monday, October 9th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Motion made by Jamie to adjourn; second David. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:28p.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary