

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE  
October 9, 2023 12:00p  
Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Kelly Muetting, Amy Groen, Heather Kalkhoff, Jamie Hunter, Kelli Kruger, David Matthews, Kate Mendenhall, Joy Pritchard

Guests present: Mrs. Vancura

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

- Fundraiser was a success
- Fall Blast - \$75 will be allocated to each classroom
  - Mrs. Vancura will send a document to families describing what each grade will be doing for Fall Blast
- Safety Week is this week. Students will be going to the fire station and practicing bus evacuation drills
- Parents will be invited to attend the Halloween parade. Mrs. Vancura will send out information to parents regarding the details. The parade will take place in the elementary gym.
- Principal for a Day is selected each month. The students are randomly selected from a generator. The selected student helps with morning announcements, has lunch in Mrs. Vancura's office, wears a suit coat, and helps with the crosswalk after school.
- The outdoor classroom is being utilized more this year. Some supplies that were ordered are missing, such as magnifying glasses, clipboards, containers, etc. Mrs. Vancura will find out if there are additional items teachers would like to have in the outdoor classroom, and PIE will order more materials.
- Update for playground - Mrs. Vancura will meet with Dr. Smith again this week to determine what grants can be applied for and how to keep the project moving.

Review/Approve September Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

#### Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

- Kelly reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Nicole moved to approve the Treasurer's report, David seconded. Ayes all, motion carried.

#### Fundraiser

- Results: \$51,000. This is less than the last five years, but more than previous years. Orders can still be submitted. Joy will follow up to determine when the orders will be shut off.
- Joy and Rachel will meet with the fundraiser coordinator in December to discuss results and ideas for the future.

- Kids were not as excited about the keychains this year. We can consider providing something different next year. Second and third grade teachers and classes were the most enthusiastic and involved.
- Delivery of fundraiser materials will be November 9, after lunch. Volunteers are needed to organize and distribute materials.
- Rachel or Jamie will send out a Signup Genius to make sure we have enough volunteers for afternoon and evening shifts.

#### Conferences

- Monday, November 6 and Thursday, November 9
- Meal - Rachel to coordinate with Yesterday's. Jamie will follow up with Rachel to see if she needs assistance.

#### Book Fair

- Mrs. Vancura will confirm with librarians if they need additional volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down. Funds will be provided for the decorations, typically around \$200-\$300.
- Books will be selected for the book vending machine during the Book Fair.
- Mrs. Vancura currently gives out 2 coins per teacher each month for the book vending machine.

#### Fall cultural experience

- Kate provided an update. Lindsay Carlson is planning to do a musical theater with the 3rd and 4th graders in the springtime. A women's suffrage program will be scheduled in the spring as well. Dates and times TBD.

#### Outdoor classroom

- Kelly to order weather station and compost bin today

#### Electronic actions

- Approved 2nd grade field trip to Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Walnut Grove
- Approved 3rd grade request for oil pastels for Art History unit
- Approved purchase of weather station and compost bin for outdoor classroom

#### Miscellaneous

- Since a down payment will not be made on the playground project yet, Nicole suggested putting a portion of the money from savings into a CD.
  - Motion by David to move \$75,000 from savings into a CD, Amy seconded. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next meeting will be held Monday, November 13th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary