

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
November 13, 2023 12:00p
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 12:01p.

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

Guests present: Hailey Moreno, Sylvia Coleman

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

- Outdoor classroom is being utilized and working well. Compost bin was installed by Kate. Weather station is in and will be installed by Mr. Doxtad. Jamie organized items into clear tubs. Shelves could be installed for additional storage and organization.
- Thank you for gift cards for Fall Blast and Printers
- Conference meals - Thank you
- Concert November 16th and Holiday open house December 14th. At the open house, there will be a wellness station in the gym with an obstacle course and information about healthy habits, the art room will have crafts, and the 2nd grade Christmas store and 4th grade spirit store will be open.
- Care Closet is set up in the Elementary locker room and is stocked with extra clothes, toiletries, and food for students who may need it.

Review/Approve October Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

- Kelly reviewed the Treasurer's report.

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

Fundraiser

- Organization and pickup of items went smoothly. After Prom committee will be provided with the same amount as last year.
- Discussion for 2024
 - Advertise more for people who have frozen items, so they can be picked up sooner. Possibly have people come in through the school at 3:10. The truck does not need to be unloaded until 2 or 2:30 in the future.
 - Plan to expand outreach next year. Discussed making more announcements on social media, sending out all school emails, putting up signs, and communicating with the Middle School. Potentially have Steve do an assembly next year to get students excited and send a video to parents so they are aware of what PIE is and what it supports. Discussed possibly setting up a table at Kindergarten

Roundup to explain what PIE is and having brochures about PIE by the entrance/office.

Venmo Update

- Nicole provided the update. Setting up a Venmo account for our organization is not recommended. She discussed with Rachel and Kelly, and decided PIE does not want to assume the liability. Collecting money has not been an issue, and the Venmo account was going to be a convenience, but is not needed at this time. The separate checking account has been closed.

Criteria for teacher funding requests

- PIE is receiving additional teacher requests this year and would like to develop a list of criteria to approve or deny requests more consistently. Jamie will develop a draft of questions and send it out for electronic approval.
- Questions that were discussed:
 - Who will this benefit?
 - How much will it cost?
 - Is it a one-time cost or a recurring expense?
 - Has the principal been asked if this can be provided by the school?

Cultural experience

- Kate provided an update. Women's suffrage program is being planned. Mrs. Vancura asked teachers if this topic is already built into their curriculum, and they could add more as the event gets closer. Lindsay Carlson will be working on a musical theater event with 3rd and 4th graders. PIE would like to make sure all grades are included in some way.

Electronic actions

- Approved purchase of two 3D printers

Miscellaneous

- Top three classes for fundraiser got root beer floats, popcorn, and pizza party
- Purchased books from the book fair for the vending machine. Librarian will write a check for the total cost, and PIE will reimburse.

Next meeting will be held Monday, December 11, at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Motion made by Kelli to adjourn; second Nicole. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:45p.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary