Spirit Lake Elementary PIE

January 8, 2024 12:00p

Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Rachel at 12:03p.

Board members present: Rachel Fandel, Nicole Evans, Kelly Mueting, Amy Groen, Heather Kalkhoff, Jamie Hunter, Joy Pritchard, Kate Mendenhall

Guests present: Jessica Vancura, 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

* Winter Blast - January 19
  + Students will be able to choose which subject they want to learn about
  + Teachers are exploring new topics this year.  Some of the options include: Esports, sledding at Horseshoe Bend, baking, pizza making, computer coding, health and fitness, geology, yeast and bread, ice cream, Boji Spudz, ice fishing, Olympics, 2D/3D design, freezer meals, teamwork.
* $75 will be allocated per class, the same amount as Fall Blast
* An assembly will be held this Friday, January 12, to finish the Heart Challenge Fundraiser
* The Care Closet is working well.  It is stocked with food, clothing, school supplies, toiletries, etc.  This is open to any student who has a need.  Showers are also available, and students have their own bin with supplies to utilize.  One item that is currently needed is Adult Small or Medium sized snow pants.
* Playground - will be discussed at the School Board Meeting tonight.  This is still in process as a long term goal.  Jessica will send an update after the meeting.

Review/Approve November Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

Motion made by Jamie to approve the Minutes; second Kelly.  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.

Rachel and Joy have a meeting scheduled with Steve on January 19 to review fundraiser results and plans for the future.  Rachel will report back at the next meeting.

Jessica to follow-up and determine if additional PIE stickers need to be purchased for the book vending machine books.

Shade Structure

* Jessica found a 10’x10’ shade structure from Outdoor Recreation Products that would be partially funded by a $2500 grant from the Dickinson County Endowment Fund.
* Kelly investigated additional shade structures and the lowest shipping cost was $851 for a 14’x16’ shade that still allowed the quick release in case of heavy snow.  The lowest overall total cost was $7524 for the 14’x16’ shade.
* Kate investigated cow shades as an option, but they were more expensive
* Determined to proceed with the original 10’x10’ shade Jessica found from Outdoor Recreation Products.  She will follow-up on the final cost with freight included and without installation for a 10’x10’ shade.

Cultural experience update

* March 20, 21, 22 - Sami Center is booked for the women’s suffrage program
* Specific times have not been set yet.
* The program will be applicable to all grades
* $1500 was budgeted, Kate will obtain the final cost estimate
* Music theater with 3rd and 4th grade music classes will be part of the spring concert and performed for families.

STEM Fair

* Thursday, March 21
  + 2:30-3:00 Open House invitation for all classes PK-4th grade to walk through
  + 5:30-6:30 Open House for Family & Friends to attend
* Greta sent the STEM Fair schedule and detailed information to teachers.  A brief presentation on the STEM Fair will be given on Friday, February 9, to all 3rd and 4th graders.
* Nicole printed STEM Fair Packets to be sent home in Friday Folders.
* A Sign Up Genius will be sent out for volunteers.

Miscellaneous

* Discussed the idea of holding another fundraiser and decided to wait until additional information is provided regarding the playground project.
* Jamie sent an email to teachers outlining the criteria for PIE funding requests.
* Over 800 people attended the holiday open house; it was a great success and the toy room was well received
* Still planning to have a pizza party for the top fundraising class

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

Motion made by Nicole to adjourn; second Kate.  Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:40p.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary