

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
February 12, 2024 12:00p
Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

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

Guests present: Jessica 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

- Interviewing for First Grade opening
- Playground
 - Continuing to research grant opportunities. The school is willing to fund \$150,000. Rachel will organize a Playground Committee and determine how to proceed with funding. The goal is \$350,000 to be fundraised by PIE.
- Winter Blast - Thank you for the fun day
- Preschool Open House - March 4.
 - A formal preschool registration opened today. Computers will also be set up at the Open House
- Kindergarten Open House - March 18
 - Discussed setting up a table at Intake Conferences to promote PIE. Rachel will follow up and promote PIE on social media as well.
- Conferences - March 11 and 14
- STEM Fair - March 21

Review/Approve January 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.

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

- Kelly reviewed the Treasurer's report.

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

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 and friends to attend
- Additional volunteers are needed for setup/cleanup.
- Jessica will create a visual for the STEM Fair to post on Facebook and ensure tables are set up.

"Make a Musical!" Program/"To Keep Truth Marching On" Women's Suffrage Program

- March 20 and 21. K-4 presentations will take place in the morning and will not conflict with the STEM Fair.

- Project contracts containing detailed information regarding both programs have been sent to the PIE board.
- \$1500 will be allocated for each program. Motion made by Nicole to approve, second Jamie. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Conference Meals - March 11 and 14

- Rachel will coordinate with Yesterdays

Shade Structure

- Poles have been donated by Alliant Energy
- Kate will assist with the pulley system and hardware when ready to install
- Amy will follow up and determine what size and type of sail should be purchased.

Fundraiser

- Rachel met with Steve and Joy regarding the fundraiser results and plans for the future. The amount fundraised was 20% less this year.
- Ideas for next year:
 - Kick-off assembly with Steve
 - Meet with teachers to explain more about the fundraiser and include teacher incentives.
 - Increase social media marketing and send letters to parents. Students could create a promotional video.
 - Joy will review names of purchasers from previous years and ensure they are approached.
 - Sell pies before Easter (Steve already has a fundraiser organized for this).
 - New incentives - classes can receive \$50 of product for the classroom if a specific amount of money is raised.
 - Offer new items to sell/different catalogs
 - School supply pack prices could be increased.
 - Jessica will determine if preschool classes can be included in the fundraiser.

School supply program

- Jessica is working with the teachers and they are reviewing the lists. Teachers should add supplies that are outside of the regular list items as well (e.g. 3rd grade oil pastels)

Miscellaneous

- The Okoboji Foundation opened a grant that could possibly be used towards the outdoor classroom. Rachel will follow up with Ali to obtain additional information.
- Rachel will follow up on getting the weather station installed.
- Jessica will follow up with teachers to create a wish list for the outdoor classroom.

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

Motion made by Kelly to adjourn; second Jamie. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:55p.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary