Spirit Lake Elementary PIE

March 11, 2024 12:00p

Spirit Lake Elementary School

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

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

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

* Playground Update - Reviewing various options for funding, possibly pairing up with Hope Rolls
* The DNR visited and will be providing a written plan regarding which types of trees are suggested for the outdoor classroom. Grant funding will be used to purchase the trees.
* Kindergarten Open House - March 18, 4:30-6PM
* Pegasus Update - CogAT test will be added to a rubric as one variable for entrance into the Pegasus program
* Spring Break - March 28
* Concert Day - May 2
* Track and Field Day - May 6, 10AM-12PM
* Art and Talent Show - May 8
* Preschool Graduation - May 15. Save the Dates have been sent out, and caps and gowns were ordered.

Review/Approve February Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

Motion made by Nicole to approve the Minutes; seconded by Amy.  Ayes all, motion carried.

Review/Approve Treasurer’s Report

* Kelly reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Nicole moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, Amy seconded.  Ayes all, motion carried. 

Playground Update

* The overall goal is $500,000
* A Playground Committee was created and met last week.  They are reaching out to local municipalities to ask for donations and are looking for grant money.  This project is in a holding pattern until additional funding is obtained.

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
* Greta sent an update email
  + 79 kids signed up this year
  + Wal-Mart has generously agreed to donate punch, cups and napkins and the Hy-Vee Bakery will be donating 250 cookies
  + The Middle School Robotics Club will also be in attendance sharing what they've been up to this year
  + Sidewalk signs will be set out on Sunday, March 17

“Make a Musical” Program/”To Keep Truth Marching On” Women’s Suffrage Program

* March 20 and 21, 9AM

Conference Meals - March 11 and 14

* Rachel coordinated meals with Yesterdays

Shade Structure

* Ben Groen is working with the company to determine where to place the shade structure.

Outdoor Classroom

* Weather station - Rachel’s husband will be installing it on the roof of the school. The information from the weather station gets downloaded to an app for students to review.

Teacher Appreciation Week

* Plan to put up a yard sign for the week
* Not doing dress up days this year
* Jessica will be purchasing flowers for teachers
* PIE will provide a gift for teachers, to be determined at the next meeting, possibly a meal or gift cards.
* Jessica will ask teachers to update their wish lists with classroom and/or personal items.

Electronic Actions

* Approved $60 increase for award books, $300 for 3rd grade, $408 for 4th grade

School supply packs

* Complete and submitted except for Kindergarten

Next year school start date is August 26. Preschool and Kindergarten will have a slow start.

Next meeting will be held Monday, April 8, at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Motion made by Jamie to adjourn; seconded by Nicole.  Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:35p.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary