

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE  
August 7, 2024  
Annual Budget Meeting for 2024-25

Meeting called to order by PIE President Rachel Fandel at 12:05 p.m.

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

Guests present: Principal 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.

#### Board Members

- Returning board members:
  - Kelli Kruger
  - Joy Pritchard\*
  - Alison Schmitz
  - Greta Gruys\*
  - Kelly Mueting\*
  - Nicole Evans
  - Kate Mendenhall\*
  - Jamie Hunter
  - David Matthews
  - Rachel Fandel
  - Amy Groen
  - Heather Kalkhoff
- \* Denotes final year as elementary parent
  
- Officers:
  - President: Rachel Fandel
  - Vice President: Jamie Hunter
  - Secretary: Heather Kalkhoff
  - Treasurer: Amy Groen

Rachel, Jamie, and Heather are willing to serve in their current roles. Kelly is stepping down as treasurer to assist Amy as new treasurer during Kelly's final year on the board. Many thanks to Kelly for all her years as treasurer! Motion made by Nicole to approve officers, second by Kate. Ayes all. Motion carried.

#### Principal Report

- Fundraiser Meeting Update: Jessica met with our fundraising rep. Discussed possibility of shipping orders to parents, which would carry an extra cost. There may be shipping/additional pick-up options for next year. Jessica plans to incorporate the fundraising kick-off into her morning announcements with a power point.
- Playground: Meeting scheduled with Hope Rolls and Dr. Smith to discuss fundraising. PIE indicated its willingness to contribute to fundraising for playground; more information needed before making any further decisions.

- Pop Machine: Craig Fandel intends to install next week. PIE will fund first \$500 of product as its teacher appreciation gift from 2023-24 school year.
- Shade: Outdoor classroom shade umbrella has been ordered with grant money from DCEF. Remaining funds were used to purchase some additional outdoor classroom supplies.
- Weather Station: Craig also intends to install next week.
- First Day of School: PIE will contribute \$250 toward decorations for intake conferences/first day of school décor; Jessica will look into Boji Balloon Bar.
- Amazon wish lists were updated and sent out. Decision made not to do “Teacher Favorites” handout, since teachers can update their wish lists and also do their own introduction to their classes.

#### Intake Conferences (Aug 22)

- PIE will staff a table during intake conferences to hand out flyers explaining what PIE does and first meeting date. Will also have a sign up to be on the PIE email list; everyone who signs up will be included in a raffle for a vending machine book for their student.
- Rachel will see if Mr. Zankowski could make a PIE video presentation to display during intake conferences

#### Fundraiser

- Joy will again chair the annual fundraiser with Rachel assisting. Discussed increasing social media marketing, teacher incentives for student involvement, letters/postcards mailed to parents, weekly prizes for top sellers. Goal is to increase sales from last year.
- Also discussed having a pie fundraiser before Easter to focus on raising playground funds. A final decision will need to be made by December. More information needed on playground status.

#### Outdoor Classroom

- Waiting to hear back from a grant application for additional trees/landscaping for shade and windbreak.
- Kate is looking into using donated telephone pole to build an osprey nest with help of Charles Vigdal
- Rachel will look into possible sign from Amy’s Sign Design
- Discussed ribbon cutting ceremony when everything is in place

#### Budget

- Review Treasurer’s Report
- Review 2023-24 Expenditures
- Set/Discuss 2024-25 Budget

Motion to approve the 2024-25 PIE Budget made by Joy; second Nicole. Ayes all, Motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, September 9 at 12:00 p.m. at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Motion made by Jamie to adjourn; second Kelly. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Hunter