

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE  
April 14, 2025 12:00 p.m.  
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by Rachel at 12:00 p.m.

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

Guests present: Principal Jessica Vancura, Gina Heithold, Chelsie Steichen

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

- Silly String Fundraiser information will be sent to families the week after Easter. Each student can purchase one can of silly string to spray their teacher during the last week of school.
- May Day baskets for the playground fundraiser are \$10 each.
- Jessica requested \$100 in \$1 bills for the ice cream truck on May 16. Nicole moved to approve funds for the ice cream truck, Amy seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- Spring Concert is on May 13. Times for each grade level are posted on social media.
- EPI is set up for school supply packs for next year. Signs will be set out on May 1.
- Boat rides are scheduled for the end of the year for the top three fundraising classes.
- 4th Grade Track and Field Day - May 7th, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Last Day of School Cookout – volunteers needed to sit with students who do not have a parent attending. Lunch is from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- May 21 - Preschool Graduation at 2 p.m. and 4th Grade Signing Day will be live streamed at 10 a.m.

Review/Approve March Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

- Amy reviewed the Treasurer's report.

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

STEM Fair Follow-up

- Students and families were excited about their projects and enjoyed the Open House.
- People's Choice Award trophies were presented and Certificates of Achievement were printed and sent home with students.
- Thank you notes were given to Walmart and Hy-Vee for donations.

DCEF Grant Application

- Jessica submitted a grant application for the playground.
- Waiting to hear back from Ferguson's on landscaping options for the outdoor classroom.

#### Teacher Appreciation

- Rachel has \$2 bills and purchased pencil shaped boxes to put them in. These will be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week, along with a note from PIE.
- Fundraiser boat ride is lined up at the resort. Rachel will be on the boat and will provide snacks for the students. This is scheduled for the first full week of May, weather depending.

#### BRAWL/4th Grade Celebration

- Mr. O'Hagan will organize and submit receipts for reimbursement.
- PIE will provide cupcakes or cookies for Signing Day.
- \$600 is budgeted for BRAWL and Signing Day.

#### New Board Member discussion

- Plan to honor board members who are leaving with a lunch meeting next month.
- Departing board members are working to find new board members to fill their positions.

#### Electronic Actions

- Approved Aquaponics Purchase

#### Miscellaneous

- Rachel met with Steve to review the fundraiser and begin planning for the fall. She would like a new board member to take on the marketing role for the fundraiser.

Next meeting: Monday, May 12, at 12:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Motion made by Jamie to adjourn; second Amy. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary