

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
January 12, 2026 12:00 p.m.
Spirit Lake Elementary

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

Board members present: Rachel Fandel, Amy Groen, Heather Kalkhoff, Nicole Evans, Chelsie Steichen, Jamie Hunter, Gina Heithold

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.

Principal Report

- Winter Blast Jan. 16
 - Communication to teachers regarding reimbursement was sent out and envelopes are available
- Conferences February 16 and 17
 - Plan to incorporate stations for adults regarding nutrition, sleep, screen time, exercise, etc.
- Invoice paid for big playground and all grants are finalized
- Preschool/Kindergarten Open House - March 10
 - PIE will plan to have a booth from 4-5:30 p.m., Jamie will send out a sign up for volunteers
- STEM Fair - discussed where tables will need to be moved with new custodians

Review/Approve November Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Amy reviewed the Treasurer's Report

Danielle moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Heather seconded. Ayes all, motion carried.

Teacher Gift Card Review - Rachel received thank yous and teachers were appreciative

AR Party Budget Discussion

- Currently \$325/grade is budgeted for 3rd and 4th grade AR parties, but would like to increase this amount due to increased costs for activities such as bowling and ice skating.
- Nicole made a motion to increase the AR budget by an additional \$100/grade for this year. Jamie seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- The AR Budget will be reevaluated next year
- Discussed possibly asking for business sponsorship or additional donations from parents if needed.

Sub-committees

- Conference Meals
 - Rachel will lead in the spring, but will be stepping down from this role

- Fundraiser - None
- STEM Fair - March 19
 - Heather will meet with 3rd and 4th graders and hand out permission slips Jan. 26
 - A sign up for volunteers will be sent out
 - Open House for PK-4th grade students - 2:30-3:00 p.m.
 - Open House for family and friends - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Arts/Science Enrichment - Jamie
 - Jessica Schable is doing a music workshop with 3rd and 4th graders today
 - 4th grade musical will take place in the spring

Electronic Actions

- 4th Grade Request to sponsor pen pal party - \$75 is budgeted
- 3rd Grade Ice Skating - approved and discussed increasing budget for AR parties

Miscellaneous:

- BRAWL will take place on Thursday the last week of school, and 4th Grade Signing Day will be on the last day of school.
- Washington Pavilion cost has increased for the 2nd grade field trip. Motion made by Nicole to increase 2nd grade field trip budget line item to \$500. Amy seconded. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- Gina will contact Fareway to discuss an additional fundraising option for the future

Next meeting: Noon on Monday, February 9, at Spirit Lake Elementary

Motion made by Danielle to adjourn; second Gina. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Kalkhoff, PIE Secretary