

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
April 11, 2022
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 12:00p

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kelly Mueting, Jessica Garvin, Jamie Hunter, Kelli Kruger, David Matthews, Ali Schmitz

Guests present: Mr. Huebner, Amy Groen

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

Mr. Huebner provided report.

Less than 30 days left in the school year! Last day of school is Friday, May 20th

Spring Concert is Thursday, May 5th – TK/KDG 9:00; 1st grade 9:30; 2nd grade 10:00; 3rd grade 10:30; 4th grade 11:00.

Each grade has a special event to round out the year; for example, 1st grade “Reading Around the Area” field trips each week; Kindergarten is going to the Sioux Falls Zoo, 4th grade will be biking around West Lake (BRAWL)

4th grade is getting prepped for Middle School – went on a tour, met with 5th grade students to ask questions, and have been meeting with Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Dielschneider,
New Preschool teacher was hired!

Full day preschool is full (all 3 sections) and half day morning preschool is also full; half day afternoon preschool is available. Great numbers for registration for both Preschool and Kindergarten.

Outdoor classroom meeting set for Thursday, April 14. Location set for where the outdoor classroom will be. Updates from meeting to be shared at May PIE meeting.

New school calendar for the 2022-23 school year set by school board; 1st day will be Thursday, August 25. Calendar available on the school website: <https://spirit-lake.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-23-Calendar.pdf>

Review/Approve March Meeting Minutes.

Sent via email and a copy was printed and distributed.

Motion made by Ali to approve; second Jessica. Ayes all, motion carried.

Review/Approve March Treasurer’s Report

Report printed and distributed. Kelly Mueting, Treasurer, provided updates.

Motion made by Greta to approve; second Kelli Ayes all, motion carried.

STEM Fair Follow-up

- Greta Gruys provided updates. There were 74 participants this year! Great turnout at the STEM Fair evening Open House- kids did an excellent job talking to adults about their projects and answering questions.
- Feedback from teachers for next year: have set times for classes to walk through the STEM Fair (it was bit chaotic/crowded)

- HS Robotics club attended and set up a robot they had created- greates addition to STEM Fair. Will plan to invite next year.
- Suggestion to have snacks/lemonade available; perhaps as a fundraiser for a school club or organization?
- Add bleach to the “not allowed” list of items at the Fair.
- Thank you to the PIE Committee member who help set up/take down and supervise the event!

Teacher Appreciation Week

- May 2-May 6
- Dress up Days- Monday- Super Hero Day; Tuesday- Hat Day; Wednesday- Teacher’s Favorite Color; Thursday- Dress to Impress (Concert Day); Friday- Red and Black Day
- Superhero theme for the week
- Mexican Fiesta lunch catered from El Mariachi restaurant on May 4th and the sheet cake on Friday (sign up genius). Kelli Kruger is coordinating Sign-up genius for parents to donate to the luncheon/cake and ordering food items. Adding in free churros. Delivery set for 10:45a.
- Questionnaire for student to fill out “My teacher is awesome because, favorite memory, etc...”, Yard Signs will be put around the building with uplifting messages
- Kim Aneweer has been providing tokens of teacher appreciation - coffee, spring décor/treats, and will do 1 more before the end of the year. Will submit receipts before the end of the year

BRAWL – 4th grade celebration

- BRAWL (Bike Ride Along West Lake) will be held Friday, May 20
- Mr O’Hagan (PE teacher) coordinating event. Joint graduation from Elementary school and bike ride celebration!
- PIE will provide pizza for lunch/bottled water
- Cookies will be donated by Mindy Truong
- Will likely order stickers again this year.

EPI School Supplies

Back to School supplies put together in a package for students (instead of finding at store) with typically 40% savings

- Sample packet on display at PIE meeting provided by customer service rep Diane with EPI
- Serves 180 schools in the Midwest
- About half of schools use EPI as a service, about half use as a fundraiser
- Shipping: Can ship to home (\$10/pack, \$2 per extra child or ship to the school (free)
- Order priod May 1 -May 31st ; late fee assessed after June 1st
- Needs updated supply list by mid-April from the school. Supply list needs to be very specific. Carries every brand!
- Ship to home- ships end July. Ship to school- 1 week before school starts
- Able to order extra boxes in advance through EPI rep and can return whatever is not used by Sept 1st.
- EPI provides the marketing support. Parents order through an online website with school code.
- Nicole contacted Estherville PIE to ask their thoughts on using EPI for back-to-school supplies; they love it, definitely recommend. Estherville ships to school and has on student’s desk by the 1st day of school
- Minimum order 36 total. PIE would not do it as a fundraiser; would do it as a service to parents/students and families.

- Decision made to go ahead with this option to make things easier for students and their families. Mr Huebner will contact teachers to get back-to-school supply lists ASAP and submit to EPI

By Laws

- Previous By Laws amended by Jamie Hunter. Sent via email to the Board for review prior to meeting.
- Motion made by Jessica to approve amended by laws; second Ali. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- Signed by Nicole Evans, PIE President, and Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary.

Miscellaneous

- No items.

Motion made by Jamie to adjourn; second Kelli. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:36p.

Next meeting to be held Monday, May 9th at 12:00p at Spirit Lake Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary