

Spirit Lake Elementary PIE
April 12, 2021
Spirit Lake Elementary School

Meeting called to order by PIE President Nicole Evans at 12:08p.

Board members present: Nicole Evans, Greta Gruys, Kristen Boe, Kate Mendenhall

Guests present: Mr. Kasey Huebner

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.

Only 6 weeks left of the school year! Busy time of year for hiring new employees. Trying to find the right people in the right positions. Mrs. Frederich (2nd grade teacher) recently resigned; will be moving to Forest City to be closer to family. Seeking replacement; her spouse, Mr. Frederich, will be difficult to replace as well (IT Director for the district). Field Trips are starting to resume; 4th grade will be going to Sioux City to the Lewis & Clark Museum; 2nd grade will be going to the Washington Pavilion Museum in Sioux Falls. Spring Concert- May 5th and 6th at the SAMI Center. Will be similar to the Holiday concert with each grade having their own time slots/1 grade at a time, then emptying out the auditorium between grades. The 4th grade Track and Field Day will be held Friday, May 7th.

Review/Approve March Meeting Minutes

Sent via email and a copy distributed.

Motion made by Kate to approve; second Kristen. Ayes all, motion carried.

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report

Report printed and distributed. Shared by Kelly Mueting.

Motion made by Kristen to approve; second Kate. Ayes all, motion carried.

STEM Fair Follow-up

- Was held March 31st. 60 participants; slightly less than previous years (due to individual projects only-?)
- 3rd grade participants presented their projects with their classmates in their classroom (no Open House this year). 4th grade participants placed on the tables in the locker atrium and students walked through to learn more about. 4th grade teachers said they preferred this way (no open house) and would like to revisit next year.
- Picture and certificates given to all who participated.

Teacher Appreciation Week

- May 3-7
- Theme "Super Heroes"
- Teacher Favorites Take home sheet sent home in Friday Folders

- Daily snacks (sign-up Genius) for the staff breakroom (Donuts, Fruit, Veggie Platter, Meat Tray, Sheet Cake, and then Plates/Napkins). Will do “Easy Out” and \$10 to sign-up to donate. Looking into Venmo or Zelle to transfer electronically; perhaps down the road.
- Dress up days; Super Hero; Hats Off to our Staff; Teacher’s Fave Color; Dress like your teacher; Spirit Colors (Red and Black). Will figure out how to coordinate with concert days (kids usually dress up for)
- PIE may do another banner this year to hang on the playground fence to reuse every year. Something to the effect of thanking teachers and to acknowledge them during Teacher Appreciate Week. Nicole looking into cost at Tri-State Litho.

BRAWL and 4th Grade Graduation Feedback

- Discussion about having a BRAWL (bike ride around west lake) & have a pizza party at the end. Feedback from 4th grade teachers; happy to combine these 2 events on the last day of school, May 21st. P.E. Teacher, Mr. O’Hagan, said “no on t-shirts and no on Gatorade stop (too sugary)”, but would be appreciative of PIE providing a water stop and providing lunch (subs or pizza?). May need volunteers to help assist with water stops/pizza. Will also provide \$ for stickers.

Book Fair Update

- Jodi Reinking, librarian, has not agreed or declined helping run the Book Fair next fall 2021. Will follow-up with next year. Still looking for any parent volunteers to help take over (instead of school librarians).

Scrolling Marquee Sign

- No updates currently. Continued discussion whether this falls within the mission of the Spirit Lake Elementary PIE organization. More information and details from the Scrolling Marquee interest group to be forthcoming.

Miscellaneous

- Question about 3rd grade swimming lessons (PIE has \$1,000 set aside for the budget). Mr. O’Hagan coordinates the 3rd grade swimming lessons at the YMCA; he stated that it is not going to work this year. A possibility would be to have the 3rd and 4th graders both do swimming lessons together next year.
- Discussed the possibility of a new enrichment/programming/workshops/opportunity for students next school year 2021-22 provided by PIE. Guest speaker? Will need to research and look into. Larger playground on east side is >20 years old and is need of some additional TLC/repairs also. Mr. Huebner is looking into contacting previous Boland Recreation to see what can be repaired and what can be replaced. Discussed additional future items of an Airnasium or a possibly a gift/donation to the Hope Rolls playground that is being fundraised for right now.

Motion made by Kate to adjourn; second Kristen. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:07p.

Next meeting: Monday, May 10th at 12:00p in the extra Pre-K Classroom at Spirit Lake Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta Gruys, PIE Secretary

