

Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes for 2/3/25

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy, Sarah, Tiffany, Kortney

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Treasurer Report: Approved

General Fund

Starting Balance (01/01/2025): \$48,179.54

Deposits (total): \$1,389.39

Checks (total): \$26,051.47

Interest: \$0.13

Ending Balance (1/31/2025): \$23,517.59

CD Account

Balance (1/31/2025): \$23,000.00

Conference Meals for February

- Feb 5 - Soup and Salad- good to go with sign ups, THANK YOU!
- Feb 12 - Covered by Venmo donations: \$215 currently received from the request.
- Meal ideas-Pizzas? Salads? Desserts? Pizza it is. (Dominos)

Science Night is March 20th from 5:30-7:00

- Updates: Denise is continuing to work on this.
- Places signed up to attend Science Night: UMD Science, UV bracelets, root beer floats, **WLSSD**, WDIO, Snake Pit, and Arrowhead Astronomical Society.
- Other places that have been reached out to for attending:
 - Sappi
 - LSC Aviation- Waiting on call back
 - Robotics?- will look into
 - Schider- Wood shop?
 - School Forrest
 - Girl scouts/boy scouts/NHS for volunteer hours

Brainstorming Session

- We would like to hear what the group in attendance would like to see the money raised by P.I.E. to go to in the future. In past meetings we have discussed the plan for making our playground more accessible for all children (swings, merry-go-round, zipline, and the poured rubber surface have been brought to our attention) and this has affected the money allotted for teacher requests, which we understand is difficult in this economy. It was also brought to our attention that there are some issues actually getting to the playground for some of our students. The P.I.E board thinks the playground needs to be changed for accessibility for all that would like to use it. Our quotes and research have come up with \$150,000 for just the poured rubber surface and approximately \$500,000 to make the playground itself more accessible and similar to the one in Proctor.
- We know there are some grants available, but many of those grants do not let you apply without having half of the money in your possession already. We definitely did think of this option and were ready to put in the time and effort needed for them.
- We feel that a revamp of the playground would be truly amazing in the effort to have all children included. Playgrounds are where so much social emotional learning, gross

motor skills, problem-solving skills, risk-taking skills, sensory development, and truly so much more happens. It is a wonderful part of learning for children.

- That being said, we feel that a few changes with the lip around the playground and some other smaller changes could make the playground more accessible. We are looking into quotes on how much this would cost to do.
 - Changes we have in mind: remove a section of the black barrier to allow student to get into the playground more easily
 - A handicap parking space in front of the playground
 - Enough room to get through to the playground for those in wheelchairs (?)
 - Cutting the curb, accessible path
 - BOESE- Sending something to the teachers about PIE's future plans for the playground for the next two years since it is such a big project. Can they hold off on some spending for a bit to help with some of the costs?? Parents/Teachers want to know what the end goal is.
 - HARKER- Can do some cosmetic upgrades that will help but if we do the big project, teachers have to know they won't get the "normal yearly things".
 - TEACHERS- Want to know what the district has to say about the playground
 - TEACHERS-Thinking about putting out a survey about the playground-knowing the pros and cons. Get the input from as many teachers as we can.

Fill the E!

- We do not feel this method of raising funds for the school is the best at this time and we would like to move forward with fresh ideas, preferably ones that do not eat 40-60% or more of the profit.

Other Fundraising Ideas we get emailed about (we would need more hands on deck to support most of these efforts)

- Read for My School :[LINK](#)
 - Appears to earn 90% of profit, if fees are paid for by the donors (70% of donors pay for their fees)
 - This is a similar feeling to the Kid's Heart Challenge as far as their tracking, earning badges, personal goals being set, families share out their individual codes and it can be closed when we choose
- Inchy the Bookworm Vending Machine
 - \$6,000 for a machine, we pick the configuration, we use tokens for kids to get books. One upfront fee for the machine
 - We can do money and tokens, if we want to get the option for cash- it is an extra \$600- one time fee
 - We can provide our own books- then we could buy through Scholastic and get more books for our own library
 - This seems like a very cool idea that would promote reading and literacy in the school in a fun way!
- Art to Remember: [LINK](#)
 - Appears to earn 25% of profit
- Boosterthon (Color Run, DanceFit, Glow Run, Fun Run, Dude Perfect may be involved still, but this is hard to determine without reaching out to the site): [LINK](#)
 - % changes based on options chosen
- 1stDaySchoolSupplies: [LINK](#)
 - No information provided about how much of a fundraiser this is
- Sign Up Genius Fundraiser Online: [LINK](#)
 - Their partner, Stripe takes 2.9% + .30 per each credit card transaction

- Cherrydale selling stuff- Christmas, wrapping paper, cookies, lots of stuff: [LINK](#)
 - Appears to earn 25% of sales
- Family Dance Night

If staff is onboard with our plans, these are the rest of our plans for this school year:

- I Love to Read items have been distributed to Mrs. Peterson, for EXTRA FUN with reading for our students at Winterquist Elementary! There will be fun items for students to get in the library for reaching their goals
- Science Night is March 20th, we are so thankful for Denise running this!
- Nomination for the board- April meeting
- New board member elections at the May meeting
- Week of May 5th- Teacher Appreciation
- McSchool Night in May- to be scheduled (MAY 13th), only if staff would like a second one- TBD
- Classroom parties for February-May for classrooms with the most attending P.I.E. meetings
- Planning for whichever large fundraiser the group would like to commit to for the 2025-2026 school year
- Esko Fun Days Table?

Teacher Requests

- Mrs. Ringat - Valley Fair trip for school patrol \$993.15- Approved (may come for more later)

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

- We will have at least 2 openings for our board, please reach out to people to let them know. We need to have at least 3 board members for the great efforts of P.I.E. to continue moving forward.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2025 at 5:30 in the boardroom

Budget 2024-2025	Budgeted Amount	Amount Remaining
Teacher Requests	\$6,000	\$2,689.09
Food Requests	\$300	\$300.00
General Fund Expenses (Magnets, prizes, Gen Fund req, cc fees)	\$6,000	\$2,120.69
Teacher and Staff Appreciation	\$1,000	\$500.00
Whole school (Requests/Assembly/Family Events/\$6k for science night shirts)	\$9,000	\$7,153.99
Unassigned	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Classroom Parties (donated by Northstar Services for 2024-2025)	\$250	\$49.39
Total	\$23,550	\$13,738.16