

**Pierce Elementary PATS Meeting
February 23, 2021**

**Attendees: Brandy Price-President, Katie Prince- Vice President, Kristi Brummels- Secretary,
Mr. Suehl- Pierce Elementary Principal, Teresa Wales, Jessica Jensen, Cassie Ottman, Carrie Pfeiffer, Nichole Kuehler, Kalli Nygren**

Agenda Item	Notes/Comments
Call to Order	
Secretary's Report	Kristi provided a summary of the November 2020 meeting minutes (no meetings in December or January). Teresa motioned to approve the minutes. Brandy seconded. Minutes approved.
Treasurer's Report	Melissa Holan was unable to attend the meeting. Brandy provided an updated balance for the PATS account.
Preschool and Playground Request	The preschool currently has an area that is half concrete, half rock. To make the entire area concrete, we would need to fill an area approximately 25 ft by 30 ft. This would give more space for the kids to ride bikes and other toys. The approximate cost would be around \$4,000 - \$6,000. The preschool is not requesting any more equipment, just an expanded play area. More fencing would be needed. Expansion would be to the south of the current play area. Nichole Kuehler will obtain a bid for adding the cement.
Cabinet Request	Several teachers would like to add cabinets and new countertops to their rooms. It was decided that a request for improvements such as this should be made to the school itself at the end of the year (teachers submit end of year requests for upgrades and supplies on an annual basis which are reviewed by Mr. Steffensen).
Sensory Path	We will tentatively paint the sensory path on April 1 st or April 2 nd . Volunteers are needed. Project completion will be dependent upon weather.
6th Grade Graduation	PATS pays for food and drinks for a party for the 6 th grades the week before school dismisses for the summer. The party is typically 1-2 hours long and includes games/activities for the students. There are 46 sixth graders this year. Nichole and Carrie will lead a committee of volunteers to plan the party. Several parents including Teresa, Kallie, Kristi, Jessica and Erin Zierke (not in attendance) are interested in helping. Sonia Ronspies of R Extreme Ice Cream would like to provide ice cream for the event. The 6 th grade graduation program is on the last day of school.
End of School Inflatables	Uhop will provide a 40% discount on inflatables this year. We will rent 3-4 that will appeal to a variety of age groups. Inflatables are planned for Friday, May 14 th with a rain date of

	Monday, May 17 th . This event occurs during the school day and classes rotate through the inflatables.
Spirit Sales	We will consider Spirit Sales for the remaining school/sports events as they draw near. We will not order any additional items at this time but use what is left from previous sales.
PATS Snacks	Snack sales will be held on March 26 th . Volunteers will be obtained as needed.
Teacher Appreciation Week	Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 rd - 7 th . Taylor's Bar and Grill will provide a taco bar for all teachers and staff including bus drivers on May 5 th at a cost of \$14 per person. This will be for approximately 60 people. Linda Freeman will host an open house in which teachers and paras can paint a wooden door hanger. The cost is \$25-\$30 per project. Brandy will check with her to determine a date of May 4 th or 5 th from 4:00-7:00 pm. She will also check into the Legion as a place to hold the event. This will be for approximately 40 people. Brandy will ask Linda to create a flyer for the event. Other ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week include donuts and coffee, decorating teacher doors and giving teachers water bottles filled with candy.
Miscellaneous	Cassie expressed concerns with the school's current PBIS behavior system as well as teacher awareness of mental and behavioral issues in students. It was suggested that a speaker be invited to a teacher in-service to discuss these topics. Cassie also suggested that students receive guidance involving compassion awareness and that an event or speaker be planned for parents and community members to raise awareness of mental and behavioral health. PATS and the school will look into these ideas. The school did send out a survey to parents regarding the PBIS system after this meeting via Remind and encouraged participation in the March Newsletter. Cassie also expressed concern about student safety during school drop offs and pick ups. A note was included in the March Newsletter reminding parents of drop off and pick up procedures and student safety.
Meeting Adjournment	Katie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carrie seconded. Meeting adjourned.