




Home & School Meeting October 10, 2023
Multipurpose Room at Prairie-9am

A. CALL TO ORDER 9:04 CT

B. WELCOME

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.  DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 9/12/2023
- b. 1. SS 2. CB

D. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank-Yous
 - i. 5th Grade Special Projects: Liza Hood & Shelley Scarbrough
 - ii. Book Fair: Alyssa Connolly & Mandy Mullarkey
 - iii. Coventures: Kim Vigue and Katheryn Dillon (Brown Bag Seafood, Red Robin)
 - iv. DirectorySpot: Michelle Weisseg
 - v. Family Connections: Audrey Pollard (organizing pumpkin contest)
 - vi. Health and Safety: Maaria Syed (walk to school day)
 - vii. Marquee: Laura Goepel
 - viii. Prairie Fest: Kari Buttera & Brittany Piszynski
 - ix. School Enhancement-fence installation: Liza Hood
 - x. Spirit Wear: Nicole Anderson & Christine Navea
 - xi. Staff Appreciation, Food: Erika Gerdes & Liza Schramm
 - xii. Staff Appreciation, Gifts: Allison Kellogg & Megan Pagnucci
 - xiii. Yearbook-cover contest: Shelley Scarbrough
- b. General H&S Updates
 - i. Naperville 203's Video Series, Instructional Mindset, Episode #2, Community & Collaboration: <https://www.smore.com/am4n7-community-collaboration>
 1. ThoughtExchange:
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/241112247/welcome>
 - ii. Crosstown Classic - Tuesday, October 24th
 1. If your student wants to be part of this beloved tradition, simply complete the runner registration and waiver at this [LINK](#).
 2. Please note that this form must be submitted by Thursday, October 19th, at 10 p.m. To maintain consistency and ensure a smooth flow of the race, we are requiring **ALL runners to register in advance**.
 3. Here is a [link](#) to a newsletter with up-to-date info on the Crosstown Classic.
 4. Students do not have to be a member of Run Club to participate.
 - iii. [GiftMart](#): November 3-28
 1. Toy donation of \$20 to \$30; nice wrapping paper also encouraged.

Wrapping paper donations are also welcome.

2. There will be a box in the lobby
3. Similar event is being held in District 204 if parents would like to volunteer at that event (parents are asked not to volunteer at the District 203 event).
- iv. [The Alliance of Latinos Motivating Action in the Suburbs \(ALMAS\) Event](#)–10/10

c. Prairie H&S Updates

- i. Fun Run Recap
 1. Stats:
 - a. \$31,269 profit to school
 - b. Potential for \$3,834 more in corporate matching
 - c. 77% of students registered, 68% participated
 2. Campout and movie day - October 19th & October 20th
- ii. Committee reminders
 1. Approval for communications (Talk203, flyers, etc.)
- iii. Upcoming events
 1. Book Fair (happening now)
 2. Fall Parties - Harvest Parties being held October 31st
 3. Upcoming Dine Out Nights


d. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:

- i. Megan Pagnucci, prairiehs@gmail.com,
Colleen Troupis, prairiecopresident@gmail.com,
- ii. Stuart Hong prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
- iii. Allison Kellogg, prairiesecretary@gmail.com
- iv. Derrick Allen, prairietreas@gmail.com

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Confidentiality Agreement

F. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports. [September 2023](#)
 - i. Savings - \$5,561.53
 - ii. Checking - \$86,969.48 Bank - \$78,804.02 Book
 1. Approval of Reports
 - a. Vote to Approve (September P&L)
 - i. SS 2. MH All in favor.
- b. 2023-2024 Budget
 Budget Planning Worksheet_2023-2024-update.xlsx
- c. Forms
 - i. Deposit form is available in the Prairie office - cash needs 2 signatures
 - ii. Check request form is on the Prairie volunteer google drive and H&S website
- d. All payments need to go through Prairie office
- e. Cannot reimburse tax - Tax exemption certificate on volunteer google drive

G. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - ii. Thank yous
 - 1. Mrs. Newell
- b. Attendance Raffle Winner: Alma Faust

H. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - i. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, October 12th from 5:00-8:30 PM and Friday, October 13th from 8:00-12:00. As a reminder, there is no student attendance on either of those days.
- b. Staffing
 - i. We are still looking for a permanent social worker. For now Mrs. Rittgers will continue to support Prairie in the role of social worker along with our part time social worker, Mrs. Bredow. In addition, we are looking for lunchroom supervisors as well as a special education assistant.
- c. No Watch DOGS – Lunch and Play Program
 - i. Last meeting I mentioned our new Lunch and Play program. Information will be coming out this week and we are looking to kick off the week of October 23rd. The purpose of the program is two-fold: To provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to join their student(s) during lunch as well as to assist students during recess by leading organized play with groups of students.
 - ii. Sign up will be released at 9am on Friday.
- d. School Improvement Plan Overview
 - i. 3-year plan
 - 1. Academic/SEL (Belonging) Instructional Targets (EC-5th grade)
 - 2. Goal Areas: Literacy, Mathematics, & SEL
 - a. Benchmarks for IAR and MAP performance and growth targets
 - b. No longer have WIN time; grade levels will determine how to use the additional 20 minutes in their schedule (interventions, etc.)
 - 3. District Alignment with strategic blueprint; NTSS, SEL, Equity
 - 4. Action Plan; how will we meet our targets
- e. Please check Lost and Found for lost items

I. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. If you could send a huge thank you for running a successful Fun Run again this year! Students were so pumped up about fundraising and actually participating in the run...which turned out to be such a cool event. Thank you for being flexible in how we grouped our goals. The Fall Fest was also another success that staff enjoyed going to and seeing so many Prairie families enjoying themselves. Lastly, students are looking forward to the book fair this week. We love sharing books with them and it makes us so happy to see them get excited about books!

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Verbal
 - i. Katie Smreczak
 - 1. Room Parents: The last day to send in the classroom lead room parent and fall classroom party lead is October 20th
- b. Written reports attached.

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 16: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM

Thursday, October 19: Principal Zallis Camp Out inside of Prairie!, *Time: Unknown*

Friday, October 20: All-School Movie Day

October 23-December 14: [4th and 5th Grade Before School Sports](#)

Monday, October 23: Vision and Hearing Screening

Monday, October 23: Illinois School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Tuesday, October 24: 2023 [Crosstown Classic](#) running event at NNHS, starting at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25: Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 27: Occupational Therapy Day

Tuesday, October 31: Fall Classroom Parties

Friday, November 3: Spirit Day (first Friday of the month): Wear GREEN to show your Prairie PRIDE!

November 6-10: National School Psychologist Awareness Week

Monday, November 6: Vision and Hearing Test Re-Screenings

Tuesday, November 7: Home & School Meeting, 9:00 AM in Multi-purpose Room

Tuesday, November 7: Election Day

Saturday, November 11: Veterans Day

November 13-17: American Education Week

Monday, November 13: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 15: National Education Support Professionals Day

Thursday, November 16: 2nd Grade Program, Prairie Gym, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 23: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Holiday

H&S Committee Reports

Month: October 2023

Committee: Garden Club

Chair/contact: Jenny Boucher-Hayes (prairieschoolgarden@gmail.com)

Thank you so much to Liza Hood for leading the installation of a new fence for our garden. The Fall club was so fun for the kids - we harvested, discussed what we cooked with our harvested foods, cut down and harvested sunflower seeds, planted fall veggies, inspected seeds under a microscope, found a toad and lots more! There is still some produce in the garden that we welcome the community to help themselves to before we clear everything and winterize the garden on Nov 11. We are always looking for help and particularly seeking some kindergarten or new parents with younger siblings coming to Prairie to take over the garden in the next two years - get in now and we can show you the ropes :) It's such a fun way to engage with your kids and the community.

Committee: Adult Social

Chair/contact: Ryan Doornbos and Mandy Gilkes (prairieschoolsocial@gmail.com)

Contract has been signed for the Prairie Social on Friday Feb 9th, at the Seven Bridges Golf club from 7-11pm. Possible Casino night, gathering information and researching vendors still.

Committee: Yearbook

Chair/contact: Carolyn Buckingham, Tia Claffy, Karen Kuhn (yearbookprairie@gmail.com)

Yearbook sales are open and the winner of the 5th grade cover contest will be announced tomorrow!

M. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:10

1. SS 2. CB