



Home & School February 7, 2023
Multipurpose Room at Prairie-9am

A. CALL TO ORDER MP 9:05am

B. WELCOME

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  DRAFT of H&S Meeting Minutes 1/17/2023

a. 1. MH, 2. CC

D. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. Thank Yous

- i. Erica Gerdes and Liza Schramm, Open House Staff Dinner
- ii. Julie Belloli and Erica Bennett, Prairie Partners (coffee with Principal and Exec Board)

b. General H&S Updates

- i. Gen Home & School Twitter account to celebrate what each school-even at high school level- is doing [Google Form for submissions](#) (open to committee chairs)
- ii. League of Women's Voters-BOE Candidate Forum, March 7th at 8pm on Zoom and Facebook Live. The recording will be available on <https://www.youtube.com/@lwvofnaperville/featured>
- iii. Dan Bridges-Blueprint came out and included Thoughtexchange focused on what people want to learn more about (now closed). Focus 203/Parent education should begin before Spring Break.
- iv. Kindergarten Enrollment is open. Staffing projections begin in March. Please encourage families to enroll ASAP
- v. 5 Essentials Survey. To access the survey, please click here <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select "Dupage" as the County. The final day to complete the survey is Friday, March 31, 2023. Responses from 20% of parent population needed to generate results.
- vi. Still in need of substitutes and teaching assistants
<https://www.generalasp.com/d203/onlineapp/default.aspx>

c. Prairie H&S updates

- i. Prairie Spotlight at H&S March meeting- TBD - Possibly how teachers use assessment data
- ii. April or May will be a Washington Junior High presentation from Principal Vogel and Washington H&S representatives. Date to be confirmed soon.
- iii. Remaining H&S meeting dates
 - Tuesday, March 14 at 9am
 - Tuesday, April 11 at 9am
 - Tuesday, May 9 at 9am

- iv. Save the date for our Adult Social on April 14 at the Naperville Country Club
- v. Prairie Day will be Thursday, May 18 with a rain date of May 19. Staley the Bear will be returning for an assembly May 18
- d. Upcoming H&S Sponsored Events at Prairie
 - i. Valentine's Day Parties 2/14 1:30-2:15
 - ii. Kindergarten Preview 3/2-No School for current kindergarteners
 - iii. Book Fair 3/6-3/8 Set up 3/3. Open after school Monday-Wednesday
 - iv. ProKids assembly and family night 6:30pm with Tim Hannig 4/10
- e. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:
 - i. Nicole Kmetz, prairiehs@gmail.com
Megan Pagnucci, prairiecopresident@gmail.com
 - ii. Stuart Hong, prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
 - iii. Dana Hall, prairiesecretary@gmail.com
 - iv. Derrick Allen, prairietreas@gmail.com

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Anticipated Open Chair Positions for 2023/24. Contact Stuart Hong prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
 - i. Author Visits
 - ii. Book Fair
 - iii. Directory Spot
 - iv. Family Connections/Lost and Found
 - v. Fifth Grade Special Projects
 - vi. Marquee
 - vii. Movie Night
 - viii. Prairie Day
 - ix. Staff Appreciation Gift Cards

F. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Monthly Reports [January 2023](#)
 - i. Savings Account - \$5,573.14
 - ii. Checking Account - \$60,912.13 Bank, \$58,423.93 Book
- b. 2022-2023 Budget
 - [Prairie Budget 22-23 for Distribution Summary.pdf](#)
 - [Prairie Budget 22-23 for Distribution Detail.pdf](#)
 Approval: 1. MH, 2. SS
- 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

- b. Attendance Raffle- Meghan Lymangood, Book Fair Bucks

H. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Open House

Thank you to all who attended our Open House event. It was great to see so many families in attendance.

- b. WGN Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Loos was nominated for WGN's Teacher of the Month and has been selected to be featured on an upcoming news segment. This is well deserved recognition for Mrs. Loos for all the wonderful things she does to support students and families.

- c. Kindergarten Registration

If you know any families with incoming kindergarten students. Please remind them to make sure they have registered their student using the online registration via the district website. Early registration allows us to have an accurate number to plan for sections and materials.

- d. Kindergarten Preview will be held on Thursday, March 2nd . As a reminder there is no school for our current kindergarten students on that day.

- e. February 28th

was slated as a tentative eLearning Day. It will be a regular day of school as there is not a run-off election slated on this day. April 4th will be an e-Learning Day due to the election.

- f. Parent/Teacher Conferences – Thursday, March 9th (5:00-8:30) and Friday, March 10th (8:00-12:00)

Sign Up will begin on Thursday, February 16 th and will close on Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m. PTC Wizard is used to sign-up for conferences. You will access the PTC Wizard website at: <https://naperville203.ptcwizard.com/parent/> and login using your Infinite Campus portal username and password (same one you used if you participated in online annual update last spring).

Conferences will be held on Zoom. If you would like an in-person conference, please contact your child's teacher and he or she will work with you to schedule a time. If you would like to meet with one of our specialists or a member of the LAMPE team, reach out to those individuals directly to schedule. As a reminder there is no school on either of those days.

I. WORD STUDY PRESENTATION

- a. [Word Study Presentation](#)

- b. Q: MM how is decodable used in k-1? A: classroom uses both decodable and phonemic, but decodable longer in younger grades

Q: RB sigh and hi? A. providing patterns and vowels

Q: MM secret stories, more classes? A. all classes now have them

Q: MT holes after assessment? A. take a deeper look and provide support, small group support for specific skill for example.

Note: Using current curriculum in its purest form to make it measurable. This is more systematic and spiraling than other programs.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. We continue to love ALL the treats on the cart when they are refilled. They always come at the perfect time and are so appreciated! It is such a thoughtful treat to see when we walk in after a refill J We also had such a wonderful meal before open house! Thank you for the delicious pizza, salad, treats and drinks. We loved seeing our Prairie families that night.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Verbal
- b. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. Motion to Adjourn

- a. SS, EK

N. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, February 20: NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day
- Thursday, March 2: Kindergarten Preview-Non attendance day for current Kindergarteners
- Friday, March 3: NO SCHOOL-County Institute Day
- Monday, March 6: National School Social Worker Week
- Tuesday, March 7: Home & School Meeting, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, March 9: NO SCHOOL-Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday, March 10: NO SCHOOL-Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monday, April 3: National Assistant Principals Week

H&S Committee Reports

Month: February 2023

Committee: Staff Food

Chair: Erika Gerdes, Liza Schramm (Prairiestafffood@gmail.com)

Such great responses from our treats, snacks and meals in the staff lounge so far this year! Remainder of our year looks like this: 'you are loved' snack cart restock for Valentine's Day, 'we're lucky you're ours' St. Patrick's Day lunch, Cinco de Mayo Mexican fiesta for Teacher Appreciation Week, May retirement sweets/treats and last week of school lunch. Thanks for everyone's contributions!

Committee: Book Fair

Chair: Hillary Lafferty and Claire Cuevas (hillarylafferty3682@gmail.com)

The Spring Book Fair will be held on March 6, 7, and 8th. There will be after school shopping each of those days from 2:30 to 3pm. There will also be online shopping available. Thanks!

Committee: Birthday Books

Chair: Kat Stark & Sarah Daniluk (katstark@gmail.com)

The birthday books bookshelf is looking good! We plan to shop soon to restock the shelf and our back stock. The new nameplate stickers look great and we have been stickering all new books and making our way through the books without the stickers. This saves a few minutes every morning for the office.

Committee: Fifth Grade Special Projects

Chair: Amity Caile, Kat Stark, Stacey Rizzi, Nancy Benson, Dana Hall (amitycaile@hotmail.com)

Please give a brief report on important information that you would like included for the upcoming Home & School meeting

This month we will be requesting 5-10 pictures from parents for our "Thru the Years" photo montage to be produced by the committee, submitted to Mrs. Boesso, and played during the Fine Arts presentation in April. Fine Arts Night used to be done in person. But for the last couple of years it's been done via zoom and then last year via previously recorded links. How will it be shown this year?

We are also working on the following projects:

1. 5th Grade Outdoor Party in May (smaller version of Prairie Day with stations & volunteers). Date TBD, volunteers recruited via sign up genius.
2. Pool Party at Huntington Swim & Tennis Club tentatively for Thursday, 5/25/23. Permission form & fee will be requested.
3. Clap Out Friday, 5/26/23
4. 5th Grade Congratulations Lawn Signs. Art work to be updated and gathering bids from printers.
5. 5th Grade Panoramic Photo to be taken by HR Imaging on 4/27/23

We scheduled an in person committee meeting for February 15, 2023.

Committee: Art from the Heart

Chair: Maggie Rubin, Rebecca Bailey, Kat Stark (katstark@gmail.com)

Art from the Heart - This committee works with each grade to create a beautiful piece of Art that will be auctioned off at the Adult Social. This team is working with the teachers to schedule in school time for the projects. These are sure to be memorable, sought after art! More to come!