




Home & School Meeting November 7, 2023
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER 9:03 CT

B. WELCOME

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.  DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 10/10/2023
- b. 1. SS 2. TC

D. SPECIAL GUEST

- a. Board of Education Liaison Amanda McMillen
 - i. District 203 is a "Lighthouse District", specializing in social/emotional learning and engagement
 - 1. Every grade in every school has components regarding how we're addressing SEL needs in addition to academic needs
 - 2. Ensuring students feel a sense of belonging, a desire to come to school, and support from teachers
 - 3. Piloting a "Grow Your Own" program to assist teachers in gaining specialized certifications
 - ii. New strategic plan: What do you need now to be a successful citizen post-graduation?
 - iii. High schools providing career "tracks" to explore different paths
 - iv. Over 300 business partners; incorporating internships into educational experience
 - v. Green initiatives; making changes to reduce our carbon footprint
 - vi. District is embracing AI; determining how to incorporate this so that our youth can be ahead and use this as a tool in the future
 - vii. Questions/Comments from H&S members:
 - 1. How does the district handle financial literacy education?
 - a. Consumer education courses taught in 7th grade and again in high school
 - 2. Feedback shared regarding the new lunch vendor; food options are not popular among students (fewer options and poor taste), not organic as advertised, lack of fruit and vegetable options
 - a. Amanda suggested that we may be able to survey the community at the end of the vendor contract

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank-Yous
 - i. Adult Social: Ryan Doornbos & Mandy Gilkes

- ii. Art Awareness: Maggie Rubin, Rebecca Bailey & all Art Awareness volunteers
- iii. Birthday Books: Kat Stark & Sarah Daniluk
- iv. Book Fair: Alyssa Connolly & Mandy Mullarkey
- v. Coventures: Kim Vigue and Katheryn Dillon
- vi. Family Connections: Audrey Pollard
- vii. Health and Safety: Maaria Syed
- viii. Marquee: Laura Goepel
- ix. Prairie Partners: Julie Belloli & Erica Bennett
- x. Room Parents: Mackenzie Henry, Liza Hood, Katie Smreczak & all fall party room parents
- xi. SFCP: Amy Allen, Stu Hong, Nicole Rice
- xii. School Enhancements (Brick Sales): Kristin Turnbull
- xiii. Staff Appreciation, Gifts: Allison Kellogg & Megan Pagnucci
- xiv. Staff Appreciation, Food: Liza Schramm & Erika Gerdes
- b. General H&S Updates
 - i. Good news: Share good news/celebrations with the District.
 - 1. Committee chairs, please send photos and information of celebrations to Megan & Colleen to pass along.
 - ii. [GiftMart](#): November 3-28
 - 1. Toy donation of \$20 to \$30; nice wrapping paper also encouraged.
 - 2. There will be a box in the lobby
 - 3. Parents can volunteer for the District 204 event but not in the District 203 event if you are affiliated with District 203
 - iii. District Veterans Day Breakfast
 - 1. Calling all Naperville 203 community veterans. Please join us for breakfast on **Friday, Nov. 10, from 7-8 a.m.**, while you enjoy entertainment by our students. The breakfast will be held at our District Administrative Center, 203 W. Hillside Rd. Guests must [RSVP](#).
 - iv. Watch parties for "[Update on Social Media and Teen Mental Health](#)."
 - 1. Free Zoom presentations; gather in one place to watch and discuss
 - 2. Tuesday, 11/14, 12-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
 - v. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Event Series, "[Black Joy-Celebrating Identity: Culture. Community. Connection](#)."
 - 1. Thursday, Nov. 16, 6-8:30 p.m., Naperville North
 - 2. [RSVP here](#).
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Fun Run Movie Day Recap
 - ii. Crosstown Classic
 - 1. Prairie finished in 3rd place
 - 2. Several student 1st place finishes
 - iii. Upcoming events
 - 1. 11/16: Smashburger dine out night
 - 2. 11/17: Staff Gift Cards campaign begins
 - 3. 12/1: [Brick ordering deadline](#)
 - 4. 12/2: Jingle Bell Junction, 9 a.m. to noon
 - a. Kids can shop with volunteers
 - b. Community vendors will be set up in foyer for parents to shop
 - iv. Previously ordered bricks for the Prairie Dog Den are here and will be

installed around Thanksgiving; next order will be installed in the spring


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

F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Confidentiality Agreement

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports. [October 2023](#)
 - i. Savings - \$5,561.58
 - ii. Checking - \$45,421.49 Bank - \$47956.81 Book
 - iii. All School Read Aloud - funds will be added to SFCP budget
 - iv. Audit is complete; no additional findings
 1. Approval of Reports
 - a. Vote to Approve (October P&L)
 - i. SS 2. CB 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

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. "Prairie Documents and Forms" Google Drive folder to be shared with Committee Chairs
- b. Correspondence
 - i. Staff - None
 - ii. Thank-yous - None
- c. Attendance Raffle - Friendsgiving lunch at school for student(s) and a friend; lunch will be provided to students
 - i. Winner: Yasmin Alkhalil

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. State Designation
 - i. Prairie was rated Exemplary by the Illinois State BOE based on the results of our Illinois Assessment of Readiness. This ranking is given to the highest performing 10 percent of schools. The formula for this rating includes

students' proficiency, growth, as well as attendance and participation in 5Essentials.

b. Fall Parties

- i. Thank you to all our room parent volunteers for a wonderful fall party. Students had a wonderful time and feedback from staff was highly positive.

c. Lunch and Play

- i. Lunch and Play is up and running. Students have enjoyed seeing parents here at lunch and recess. Many students have shared they love when parents have been leading games and activities.

d. Dress for the Weather

- i. As we head into the colder months, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. With the exception of rain or a wind chill below zero, we head outside for recess and students have had PE outside quite a bit. When it snows we ask that kids bring snow boots and snow pants.

e. Report Cards

- i. Report Cards will be accessible to view starting November 20th. There is a change to the process to access report cards; information will be sent via Talk 203.

f. 3rd Grade Honors Math

- i. 3rd Grade Honors Math will start the first day of the second trimester – November 13th

g. Health Office Reminders

- i. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Fever free means without the use of medication to reduce fever (100.4). Students should also be vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours as well.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. The breakfast treats and snacks before conferences were really appreciated. The days leading up to and during conferences can be quite long so it was such a special treat to be fueled with some goodies.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Verbal

- i. Yearbook Committee - Tia Claffy

- 1. Make sure to purchase your yearbook; link to purchase is in the WAAG

b. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. November 6-10: National School Psychologist Awareness Week
- b. Monday, November 6: Vision and Hearing Test Re-Screenings
- c. Tuesday, November 7: Home & School Meeting, 9:00 AM in Multi-purpose Room
- d. Tuesday, November 7: Election Day
- e. Friday, November 10: End of First Trimester
- f. Saturday, November 11: Veterans Day
- g. Monday, November 13: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM
- h. Wednesday, November 15: National Education Support Professionals Day

- i. Thursday, November 16: 2nd Grade Program, Prairie Gym, 6:00 PM
- j. Thursday, November 16: Smashburger Dine Out Night
- k. Monday, November 20: Report Cards posted online
- l. Wednesday, November 22: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Holiday
- m. Thursday, November 23: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Day
- n. Friday, November 24: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Holiday
- o. Friday, December 1: Deadline to order brick for Prairie Dog Den
- p. Saturday, December 2: Jingle Bell Junction at Prairie, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

H&S Committee Reports

Month: November 2023

Committee: Adult Social

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

Seven Bridges Golf Club is the venue booked Friday, Feb. 9th 7-11pm. Contract with the casino company, GSH Casino Parties has been signed and deposit check sent. We will be holding a committee meeting this month. Flyers will be printed to be taken home. On Dec. 1st the WAAG will advertise it as Upcoming events and Save the Date.

Committee: Book Fair

Chair/contact: Alyssa Connolly and Mandy Mullarkey (prairiebookfair@gmail.com)

Fair was a success! Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Atkins picked out about \$800 worth of new books for the library. The school made \$2,138.35 in profit.

Committee: Birthday Books

Chair/contact: Sarah Daniluk and Kat Stark (prairiebdaybooks@gmail.com)

The bookshelf is full and we did a shop in October to restock our back stock. Thanks to the office for hoping our students with birthdays pick out a new book to take home.

Committee: Special Projects

Chair/contact: Pam Harambasic and Meghan Lymangood (prairiespecialprojects@gmail.com)

Volunteer provided for picture re-take day.

Committee: Prairie Partners

Chair/contact: Julie Belloli and Erica Bennett (prairiepartners203@gmail.com)

Prairie Partners is matching experienced families who volunteered for the committee to serve as mentors for new Prairie families. Mentor families will send an introductory email to their new family and serve as a resource for any questions throughout the remainder of the year. They will also encourage our new families to attend H&S meetings and the next Coffee with the Principal event on 1/26/24.

N. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 9:48

1. CB 2. TC