



Home & School Meeting, January 14, 2025
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER


- a. CT 9:01am
- b. Attendance: MF, NS, LD, AH, RD, MW, EH, SH, MO, AK, MK, AC

B. WELCOME

C. SPECIAL GUEST

- a. Jeremy Lin, coordinator of gifted and talented services for District 203
 - i. Contact info: giftedservices@naperville203.org
 - ii. [Overview of Academically Talented and Gifted Services](#)
 - 1. Honors Math
 - a. Above grade-level course work
 - 2. Project IDEA
 - a. Enriched class; teaches to grade-level standards
 - 3. Project IDEA+
 - a. Magnet program at Meadow Glens
 - b. Math (2 years accelerated), ELA, science, social studies
 - iii. [Progression of studies/coursework](#)
 - iv. [Identification and placement](#)
 - 1. Opt-in for additional testing in grades 3, 4, & 5

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.  DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 12/10/2024
 - i. LD
 - ii. AC

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank Yous
 - i. Birthday Books: Sarah Daniluk & Kat Stark
 - ii. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
 - iii. Marquee: Laura Goepel
 - iv. Prairie Adult Social: Ryan Doornbos & Elaine Wendorf
 - v. Room Parents: Katie Smreczak & Mackenzie Henry
 - vi. SFCP: Stu Hong & Mandy Loh
 - vii. Social Media: Bridget Karnick & Erica Bennett
 - viii. Spirit Wear: Nicole Anderson, Michele Larson & Christine Navea
 - ix. Staff Appreciation: Food: Liza Schramm & Michelle Weisseg
 - x. Staff Appreciation: Gifts: Christine Cox, Laura Gniadek, & Allison Kellogg
 - xi. Staff Gift Cards: Christal Bagel, Audrey Pollard & Molly Simnick
 - xii. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup & Karen Kuhn

b. General H&S Board Updates

- i. [2026-27 DRAFT calendar](#)—approved by BOE
- ii. Focus 203
 1. January 14 (7 p.m.--tonight) & January 17 (9 a.m.)
 - a. 1/14 will be livestreamed; recording will be posted
 2. Learn how the district is innovating in the student and staff experience, plus give input.
 3. [Register to attend](#)
 4. Watch [recording](#) of November session.
- iii. League of Women Voters Board of Education Candidate Forum
 1. March 4, 2025, at 7 p.m. on Zoom
 2. Submit questions for the candidate forum by 1/30/25 [here](#).
- iv. Kindergarten registration starts 2/1
 1. Kindergarten preview 3/17
 - a. Current kindergarteners will not attend school this day

c. Prairie H&S Updates

- i. Committee Chair Celebration & Check-In
 1. Friday, January 24, 1:20 p.m., MPR
 2. Please RSVP [here](#).
 - ii. Adult Social
 1. 2/21, Cress Creek, tickets now on sale
 2. Planning is in full swing!
 3. Still looking for event sponsors
 - iii. Art from the Heart
 1. In production this week—watch for them at the Adult Social
 2. Will be auctioned in a live auction this year
 - iv. SFCP
 1. Looking forward to an awesome parent event with Mrs. Dunne tomorrow night in the LC.
 2. Please RSVP [here](#).
 - v. Upcoming Events
 1. Wednesday, January 15: SFCP Parent Event with Mrs. Dunne (Social Worker) on Executive Functioning - 7 PM
 2. Monday, January 20: Last Day to Order a Prairie Paws 24-25 Yearbook
 3. Friday, January 24: Committee Chair Meeting - MPR - 1:20PM
 4. Tuesday, February 11: Home & School Meeting - MPR - 9 AM
 5. Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Parties - 1:30 PM
 6. Friday, February 21: Adult Social, 7 PM
- d. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:
- i. Tia Claffy, prairiehs@gmail.com,
Colleen Troupis, prairiecopresident@gmail.com
 - ii. Carolyn Buckingham, prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
 - iii. Allison Kellogg, prairiesecretary@gmail.com
 - iv. Nicole Anderson, prairietreas@gmail.com

F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports
 - i. Account Balances
 - 1. Savings - \$5,562.27
 - 2. Checking - Bank \$55,859.87 - Book \$54,647.91
 - ii. Monthly Reports [December 2024 Financials](#)
 - iii. Approval of Reports
 - 1. MH 2. LC
- b. [2024-2025 Budget](#)
- c. Forms
 - i. Deposit form is available in the Prairie office - cash needs 2 signatures
 - ii. Check Request Form - [Printable](#) or [Google Form](#)
- d. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- e. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate](#)

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - ii. Thank-yous
- b. Attendance Raffle - Prairie beanie
 - i. Winner: Amy Heitzman

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Open House
 - i. Prairie School is excited to host our annual Open House on Thursday, January 30th from 6:00-7:00. As this is an Open House format, families have the option of visiting at a convenient time within this time frame. During your visit, you will have an opportunity to view your child's work, peruse the classrooms, and celebrate your student's accomplishments so far this year. Please visit Ms. Fiedler in the Art Room for the **Out of This World Art Show!** The art show features glowing and intergalactic artwork from each student in the school. Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Boesso and Mr. Gatenby will be available in the LC.
- b. Incoming Kindergartners
 - i. Kindergarten Preview will be held on Monday, March 17th. This is an opportunity for incoming kindergarten students and their parents to visit Prairie and hear a bit about our kindergarten program. As a reminder, on this day there is **NO SCHOOL** for our current kindergarten students.
 - ii. Kindergarten enrollment starts February 1, 2025.
- c. Health Office Reminders
 - i. All absences, including extended vacations, are to be communicated to the health office. We are continuing to have issues with the health office not being made aware of student absences. While it is fine to share this with the classroom teacher, do not forget to include the health office on any such communications.
- d. Dressing for Recess
 - i. Winter Attire - Do not forget to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless there is rain or the wind chill is below

zero, we do head outside for recess. To play in the snow, students need to be wearing snow boots, snow pants, hat and gloves.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Please give a huge thank you for cookies and cocoa before break. Our day was made with the generous treats and drinks to enjoy :) Also, we are excitedly putting together our Teacher Experiences for the Adult Social. We are sure it will be a huge success and fun night!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mid-year teacher wishlist funding approval.
 - i. Motion to approve granting a mid-year teacher wishlist of up to \$4,500, allocated as follows:
 1. \$500 for each of the 6 grades
 2. \$500 for multi-needs
 3. \$400 for specials
 4. \$200 for reading/math specialists
 5. \$200 for LBS
 6. \$200 for PI/HM
 - ii. 1. LD 2. RD
 - iii. Motion approved.

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, January 20: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, January 20: Last Day to Order a Prairie Paws 24-25 Yearbook
- Tuesday, January 21: [Board of Education Meeting](#), 7 PM
- Friday, January 24: Committee Chair Meeting - MPR - 1:20PM
- Thursday, January 30: Open House, 6 - 7 PM
- Friday, January 31: Deadline to Opt Into Further Gifted Testing, 3PM
- February 3 - February 7: National School Counseling Week
- Tuesday, February 11: Home & School Meeting - MPR - 9 AM
- Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Parties - 1:30 PM
- Monday, February 17: NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- Wednesday, February 19: 5th Grade Orchestra Concert - WJHS
- Friday, February 21: Adult Social, 7 PM
- Friday, February 28: NO SCHOOL - County Institute Day

N. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 9:53am

- a. LD b. AK

H&S Committee Reports

Month: January 2025

Committee: Adult Social (prairieadultsocial@gmail.com)

Chairs: Ryan Doornbos & Elaine Wendorf

Tickets now on sale for the adult social, so don't wait to buy them. Still looking for more support from sponsors. Will be a fun time!