



Home & School Meeting, February 11, 2025  
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. CT 9:04am
- b. Attendance: EN, MF, CC, KS, MK, WW, KB, SB, AC, LG, SG, LC

B. WELCOME

C. SPECIAL GUEST

- a. Lou Cammiso, Director of Safety and Security, D203
  - i. [Naperville 203 Safety and Security Profile Presentation](#)
- b. Crosswalk discussion
  - i. City of Naperville traffic engineers have performed a safety evaluation and recommended that the crosswalk in front of Prairie should remain at Hillside Rd.
  - ii. Prairie administration and staff are looking into preparing a video to share at the beginning of the school year. Increasing the communication frequency for pickup and drop off procedures was also suggested.
- c. ICE Building Access discussion
  - i. Lou Cammiso and Principal Zallis confirmed a signed federal warrant is required for ICE to access school buildings. Officers will not be granted admission into the building; Principal Zallis would meet officers outside and bring documentation in and out of the school. No current students at Prairie are impacted.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 1/14/25](#)
  - i. KS
  - ii. WW

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank Yous
  - i. Art Awareness: Laura DeFalco, Michaela Kent and all volunteers
  - ii. Art From the Heart: Rebecca Bailey, Maggie Rubin, Kat Stark
  - iii. Birthday Books: Sarah Daniluk & Kat Stark
  - iv. Directory Spot: Michelle Weisseg
  - v. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
  - vi. Marquee: Laura Goepel
  - vii. Prairie Adult Social: Ryan Doornbos & Elaine Wendorf
  - viii. Prairie Partners: Julie Belloli & Jillian McGrath
  - ix. SFCP: Stu Hong & Mandy Loh
  - x. Social Media: Bridget Karnick & Erica Bennett

- xi. Spirit Wear: Nicole Anderson, Michele Larson & Christine Navea
- xii. Staff Appreciation: Food: Liza Schramm & Michelle Weisseg
- xiii. Staff Appreciation: Gifts: Christine Cox & Laura Gniadek
- xiv. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup & Karen Kuhn
- b. General H&S Board Updates
  - i. Scheduling Updates/Innovative School Experience
    - 1. Board action delayed
    - 2. [Landing page](#)
    - 3. [Continuously updated FAQs](#)
  - ii. School Board Election
    - 1. League of Women Voters Board of Education Candidate Forum
      - a. March 4, 2025, at 7-10 p.m. on Zoom
    - 2. Early voting is encouraged
      - a. School Board Election is on 4/1 (during Spring Break)
  - ii. 3/17: Kindergarten Preview (non-attendance day for current kindergartners)
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
  - i. Committee Chair recap
    - 1. Thank you for coming!
    - 2. Check out thank-yous from students and teachers after the meeting
  - ii. Adult Social
    - 1. 2/21, Cress Creek, dueling pianos, no tickets sold at the door
      - a. Tickets sold through February 18th
      - b. Prairie Parking Lot Parking Spot (for use at pickup/dropoff) and Art from the Heart will be auctioned in live auction
      - c. Silent auction can be accessed online even if not in attendance (includes teacher experiences)
  - iii. Kane County Cougars Reading Program
    - 1. 2/16-4/12; information will be sent home this Friday 2/14
    - 2. Games: Saturday, May 10 @ 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 18 @ 1 p.m.
  - iv. SFCP
    - 1. Executive functioning program with Social Worker, Mrs. Dunne
      - a. [Part 1](#)
      - b. [Part 2](#)
    - 2. STEM Fair in the works for April
  - v. Upcoming H&S Events
    - 1. Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Parties - 1:30 PM
    - 2. Sunday, February 16: Kane County Cougars Reading Club Kick-Off
    - 3. Friday, February 21: Adult Social, 7 PM
    - 4. Monday, March 3 - Wednesday, March 5: Book Fair
    - 5. Tuesday, March 11: Home & School Meeting - MPR - 9 AM
- d. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:
  - i. Tia Claffy, [prairiehs@gmail.com](mailto:prairiehs@gmail.com),  
Colleen Troupis, [prairiecopresident@gmail.com](mailto:prairiecopresident@gmail.com)
  - ii. Carolyn Buckingham, [prairieschoolvp@gmail.com](mailto:prairieschoolvp@gmail.com)
  - iii. Allison Kellogg, [prairiesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prairiesecretary@gmail.com)
  - iv. Nicole Anderson, [prairietreas@gmail.com](mailto:prairietreas@gmail.com)

#### F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Please submit WAAG entries by noon on Wednesday for next week's WAAG.
- b. Current committee chairs, please complete the [Intent to Return form](#) by February 28th.

#### G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports
  - i. Account Balances
    1. Savings - \$5,562.32
    2. Checking - Bank \$60,255.16 - Book \$58,575.41
    3. Cheddar Up - (Feb 5th balance) - \$1,590
  - ii. Monthly Reports [January 2025 Financials](#)
  - iii. Approval of Reports
    1. CC
    2. KS
- 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](#)
- f. Committee Chairs - Please fill out the [Budget Committee Planning Form](#)
- g. [Mid-year teacher wishlist items \(previously approved\) have been submitted and items are being secured](#)

#### H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
  - i. Staff
  - ii. Thank-yous
    1. Lauren Stercay (1st Grade): Prairie Home & School - Thank you so much for thinking of me on my engagement and the very thoughtful gift. The plant is beautiful and the Lululemon gift card was so generous! I feel so lucky to be a part of a community that makes me feel so special!
    2. Emily Kozlowski (Lunchroom Supervisor)i: Dear H&S, Thank you for ALL that you do for the Prairie community. We are grateful for the support you provide and all of the hard work you put into showing that we are appreciated.
- b. Attendance Raffle - Book Fair Bucks
  - i. Winner: Michaela Kent

#### I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Upcoming potential inclement weather day reminders
- b. February 25th is a regular attendance day (not an e-learning day)
- c. Thank you for attending open house and for waiting in line for the art show; staff has ideas for next year about how to have the art show open longer
- d. Parent/Teacher Conferences

- i. Conferences will be held on March 6th from 5-8:30pm (no school) and March 7th from 8am-12pm (no school). All conferences will be held on Zoom, please reach out to classroom teachers with concerns.
  - ii. The conference scheduling portal will be open from 2/20-2/27.
- e. Kindergarten Preview Day will be held on Monday, March 17th (current kindergarteners will not be in attendance that day). Please remind friends with incoming kindergarteners to register with the district; we currently have enough students for 3 sections of kindergarten.
- f. Gifted testing is taking place this week and into next week; email was sent out last week with additional information.

#### J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Thank you so much for an amazing dinner the night of Open House! We love being here to share what our students have been up to so the salad, pizza and deserts set us up for a great evening. We always feel so spoiled by our Prairie community. Thank you!!

#### K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Written reports attached.
- b. Verbal reports:
  - i. Book Fair (Alyssa Connolly)
    - 1. Volunteer sign-up was sent out last week; if you would like to volunteer and weren't on the list please email [prairiebookfair@gmail.com](mailto:prairiebookfair@gmail.com). Link to sign-up will be included in next week's WAAG as well. Andersons will be here between 8-9am on Friday 2/28 for set-up. Book fair will be held 3/3-3/5
  - ii. Yearbook (Carolyn Buckingham)
    - 1. The order window has closed, however if you forgot to order please email [yearbookprairie@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookprairie@gmail.com) as we may have extras available.

#### L. NEW BUSINESS

- a. N/A

#### M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Parties - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, February 16: Kane County Cougars Reading Club Kick-Off
- 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
- Monday, March 3 - Friday, March 7: National Social Worker Week
- Monday, March 3 - Wednesday, March 5: Book Fair
- Thursday, March 6: NO SCHOOL - Institute Day; Conferences 5 PM - 8:30 PM
- Friday, March 7: NO SCHOOL - Conferences 8 AM - NOON
- Tuesday, March 11: Home & School Meeting - MPR - 9 AM
- Sunday, March 16: 4th and 5th Grade All-District Orchestra Festival at NCHS - 2PM
- Monday, March 17: Kindergarten Preview (\*\*non-attendance day for current kindergartners)

- Thursday, March 27: 2nd Grade Performance - 6 PM
- Monday, March 31- Friday, April 4: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

N. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:16am

- AC b. LC

## **H&S Committee Reports**

### **Month: February 2025**

Committee: Garden Club ([prairieschoolgarden@gmail.com](mailto:prairieschoolgarden@gmail.com))

Chairs: Jenny Bouchier-Hayer & Sarah Sommer

The Prairie Edible Garden Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us! Sarah & Jenny are stepping aside this year after 5 years of garden duty! You don't need to be a gardening expert to lead or join the Prairie Edible Garden Committee! This committee is about coordination, teamwork, and having fun while creating a sustainable, educational, and enriching space for our students.

We're looking for two Prairie parents to step into co-chair roles. These positions are more about organization and collaboration than digging in the dirt! We're also fortunate to have Dennis Johnson, a Prairie grandparent and master gardener, as our expert advisor. Dennis plays a vital role in lesson planning, garden maintenance, and offering guidance on planting techniques and sustainability practices. We also welcome additional committee members—the more, the merrier! A larger team means tasks can be divided, making everything manageable and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Chair/Co-Chair Responsibilities: Coordination & Oversight: Lead planning meetings, assign tasks, and oversee committee activities. Communication & Registration: Handle announcements, registration, and updates (delegation encouraged). Scheduling: Work with Dennis to develop annual schedules for planting, lessons, and events. Representation: Serve as the main point of contact and represent the committee in Home & School meetings. Committee Member Responsibilities: (Tasks can be divided among members)

Garden Club Sessions: Assist Dennis during two 8-week sessions (Spring & Summer) with setup and facilitation. Garden Maintenance: Help plant, water, and care for the garden, including pest control and bunny-proofing. Planning & Setup: Support seed starting, garden bed prep, and organizing tools with Dennis's guidance. Communication: Help with emails, reminders, and volunteer coordination. Budget/Expenses: Manage expenses and submit reimbursements in line with the annual budget. Fun Extras: Plan creative activities like flower planting or a popcorn patch with ideas and support from Dennis. With Dennis's expertise, your enthusiasm, and a strong team, this program is set up for success. 🌱 By joining, you'll play a vital role in continuing this incredible program for Prairie students. Interested? Let us know—we'd love to have you!