



Home & School Meeting, April 15, 2025
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.
Join the [Zoom](#)

A. CALL TO ORDER



- a. CT 9:02am
- b. Attendance
 - i. In person: MH, MK, AK, NS, MF, EW, SD, KS, MO, JM, WW, AC, KF
 - ii. Via Zoom: WD, CB

B. WELCOME

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 3/11/25](#)
 - i. AK
 - ii. WW

D. PRAIRIE SPOTLIGHT

- a. Mrs. Sam Dunne, Prairie Social Worker
 - i.  Child Development - Home and School Presentation 4_25.pdf
 - ii.  Developmental Stages Chart.pdf
 - iii. Additional Suggested Resources:
 - 1. "Yardsticks: Child and Adolescent Development Ages 4-14" by Chip Wood
 - 2. "The Whole-Brain Child" by Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson
 - 3. "How to Talk to Kids Will Listen & Listen so Kids Will Talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish
 - 4. "Good Inside" by Dr. Becky Kennedy
 - 5. CDC Milestone Tracker & Responsive Classroom Websites

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank Yous
 - i. Art Awareness: Laura DeFalco, Michaela Kent and all volunteers
 - ii. Birthday Books: Sarah Daniluk & Kat Stark
 - iii. Coventures: Amy Heitzman & Emily Norton
 - iv. Directory Spot: Michelle Weisseg
 - v. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
 - vi. Marquee: Laura Goepel
 - vii. School Supply Kits: Alicia Klabunde & Anne Walker
 - viii. SFCP: Stu Hong & Mandy Loh
 - ix. Social Media: Bridget Karnick & Erica Bennett
 - x. Spirit Wear: Nicole Anderson, Michele Larson & Christine Navea
 - xi. Staff Appreciation: Food: Liza Schramm & Michelle Weisseg

- xii. Staff Appreciation: Gifts: Christine Cox, Laura Gniadek & Donna Heine
- xiii. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup & Karen Kuhn
- b. General H&S Board Updates
 - i. Innovative School Experience updates
 - 1. Vote will take place on 4/21: The Board of Education will vote on recommendations for the *next steps* for the Innovative School Experience implementation.
 - 2. [Landing page](#)
 - 3. [Continuously updated FAQs](#)
 - ii. Youth Mental Health First Aid training through KidsMatter, 4/24 & 4/26
 - 1. Details and registration information [here](#).
 - iii. Annual Online Update will open 5/1; open until 5/27
 - iv. Two exciting district events on Thursday, May 8
 - 1. Business INCubatoredu Final Pitch Night
 - a. 6 p.m., Embassy Suites
 - b. NNHS & NCHS students take a yearlong course that guides them through the entrepreneurial process with their own idea for a product or service. The course culminates with [Final Pitch Night](#), where student teams showcase their product or service and compete for funding.
 - 2. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event
 - a. 6-8 p.m., Madison Junior High
 - b. An evening celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month through the joy of books, music, creativity, and community!
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Introduce 2025-26 Executive Board
 - 1. Co-President: Tia Claffy
 - 2. Co-President: Melissa Fox
 - 3. Vice President: Carolyn Buckingham
 - 4. Secretary: Alicia Klabunde
 - 5. Treasurer: Nicole Anderson
 - ii. 5th Grade WJHS Parent Orientation Night
 - 1. Tonight, 7 p.m. at WJHS; parent/guardian-only event
 - iii. Teacher Wishlists
 - 1. Teachers are submitting requests; they will be reviewed and voted on for approval at the May meeting
 - iv. Art from the Heart
 - 1. Print run open now. Order [here](#).
 - v. Garden Club
 - 1. Four new garden beds installed. More next year.
 - vi. Prairie Partners
 - 1. Final Coffee with the Principal and H&S Board on Friday, April 25, at 8:30 a.m. in the Prairie Dog Den, weather permitting
 - 2. Coffee and donuts! Please join us.
 - vii. SFCP
 - 1. STEM Fair 4/24 at 6:30pm; approximately 100 students will be presenting

- 2. Everyone is invited to attend.
- viii. Prairie Day
 - 1. Save the date: 5/22 (Thursday)
 - 2. Rain date: 5/23 (Friday)
 - 3. Grade-level specific times included in the WAAG
- ix. Brick installation is complete.
- x. Kane County Cougars Reading Program
 - 1. Now is the time to turn in forms; ask classroom teachers or email H&S co-presidents if you need a new form
 - 2. Game options:
 - a. Saturday, May 10 @ 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, May 18 @ 1 p.m.
- d. Upcoming H&S Events
 - i. Thursday, April 24: 5th Grade Panoramic Picture Day - 9 AM
 - ii. Thursday, April 24: STEM Fair - 6:30 PM
 - iii. Friday, April 25: Coffee with the H&S Board and Principal - 8:30 AM
- e. 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

- a. Please submit WAAG entries by noon on Wednesday for next week's WAAG.

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports
 - i. Account Balances
 - 1. Savings - \$5,562.41
 - 2. Checking - Bank \$58,111.50 - Book \$58,011.50
 - 3. Paypal - \$92.72
 - ii. Monthly Reports: [March 2025 Financials](#)
 - iii. Approval of Reports
 - 1. MH 2. MF
- b. [2024-2025 Budget](#)
- c. 2025-26 Budget Planning almost complete; will vote on budget during May meeting along with teacher wishlists
- d. Forms
 - i. Deposit form is available in the Prairie office - cash needs 2 signatures
 - ii. Check Request Form - [Printable](#) or [Google Form](#)
- e. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- f. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate](#)

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - ii. Thank-yous

1. Ms. Olsen (4th Grade) - engagement gift thank-you
- b. Attendance Raffle - flower/plant
 - i. Winner: Jillian McGrath

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. For the 2025-26 school year, we have previously been slated for three sections of kindergarten. However, as of recently a fourth section is expected. There will be four sections in all other grades.
- b. Prairie will be hosting summer learning and an after-school park district program this summer. Summer learning will only be held at Prairie for one year. Access to the playground will be limited at this time.
- c. Young Rembrandts will be replaced with the Crayola Magic Arts program in the fall (information will be included in the WAAG). In this program, students are exposed to more mediums and have different themes each month. Other schools have switched to this program and have said it's incredible.
- d. Staffing Changes:
 - i. Jennifer Trezona will be retiring at the end of the school year.
 - ii. New custodian will be starting soon at Prairie; Keaton Billings (evening custodian at Kennedy).

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Staff wants to share a big thank you for the grab and go breakfast. It is always a special treat but having it on a Monday was especially nice! Also, please pass along that families can expect teachers to begin reaching out about Teacher Experiences in the coming weeks (if they haven't already). I have shared the winners with teachers so teams are looking at dates that work to set up the experience. We are looking forward to spending extra time with our students!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Written reports - N/A
- b. Verbal reports
 - i. Alyssa Connolly (Book Fair)
 1. Just over \$2k was raised during the spring book fair.

L. NEW BUSINESS

- a. [General H&S Executive Board Slate](#) vote
 - i. Vote to Approve; All in Favor.

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 15: WJHS Parent Night - 7PM - 8PM
- Friday, April 18: NO SCHOOL
- Monday, April 21: Fifth Grade Visits WJHS - 9 AM
- Wednesday, April 23: Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday, April 24: 5th Grade Panoramic Picture Day - 9 AM
- Thursday, April 24: STEM Fair - 6:30 PM
- Friday, April 25: Coffee with the H&S Board and Principal - 8:30 AM
- Tuesday, April 29: Band Concert - WJHS - 7:30 PM

- Wednesday, April 30: Gr. 4-8 Spring Orchestra Concert - WJHS - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, May 1: National Principal's Day
- Friday, May 2: School Lunch Hero Day
- Friday, May 2: Early Dismissal (11:35 AM); Half Day Institute Day
- Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9: Teacher Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 7: National School Nurse Day
- Tuesday, May 13: Home & School Meeting - MPR - 9 AM
- Monday, May 19: Speech Pathologist Day
- Thursday, May 22: Prairie Day
- Friday, May 23: Prairie Day Rain Date
- Monday, May 26: Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, May 27: Wheel of Wisdom Assembly
- Tuesday, May 27: Last Day of School; Fifth Grade Clap Out

N. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 9:59am

a. AK b. MK

H&S Committee Reports

Month: April 2025

N/A