



Home & School Meeting, May 13, 2025
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.
Join the [Zoom](#)

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. CT 9:03
- b. Attendance
 - i. In person: KS, TM, CC, MF, MK, EW, CB, MO, MH, AW, LG, BK, EK, ML, AC, SH
 - ii. Via Zoom: JM

B. WELCOME

C. PRAIRIE SPOTLIGHT

- a. Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Carr - new literacy program beginning in the Fall 2025
 - i. HMH Into Reading; has been piloted in 1st and 5th grade classrooms this year

D. SPECIAL GUESTS

- a. Mr. Vogel, WJHS Principal and Emily Kozlowski, incoming WJHS H&S President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [DRAFT H&S Meeting Minutes 4/15/25](#)
 - i. KS
 - ii. BK

F. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank Yous
 - i. 5th Grade Special Projects: Ali McKenna, Megan Pagnucci, Bridget Karnick, Allison Kellogg, Anne Walker
 - ii. Art Awareness: Laura DeFalco, Michaela Kent and all volunteers
 - iii. Assemblies: Laura Goepel & Matt Wilhelm
 - iv. Birthday Books: Sarah Daniluk & Kat Stark
 - v. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
 - vi. Garden Club: Jenny Bouchier-Hayes, Sarah Sommer and team
 - vii. Marquee: Laura Goepel
 - viii. Prairie Day: Julie Belloli, Blaine Kosek, Brittany Piszynski
 - ix. Prairie Partners: Julie Belloli & Jillian McGrath
 - x. School Supply Kits: Alicia Klabunde & Anne Walker
 - xi. SFCP: Stu Hong, Mandy Loh, Mary Wright, Bridget Gryna, and Trisha Matthews, all STEM participants
 - xii. Social Media: Bridget Karnick & Erica Bennett
 - xiii. Staff Appreciation: Food: Liza Schramm & Michelle Weisseg
 - xiv. Staff Appreciation: Gifts: Christine Cox, Laura Gniadek, Hillary Lafferty, Ryan

- Doornbos, Donna Heine, Allison Kellogg, Tia Claffy, Colleen Troupis
- xv. Staff Gift Cards: Christal Bagel, Audrey Pollard & Molly Simnick
- xvi. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup & Karen Kuhn
- b. General H&S Board Updates
 - i. Retirement recognition
 - 1. Submit retirement recognitions [here](#).
 - ii. [Annual Online Update](#) closes 5/27
 - iii. New websites district-wide over the summer
 - iv. Scheduling Updates/Innovative School Experience
 - 1. Action tabled at 4/21 meeting; district to work on revised timeline
 - 2. [Landing page](#)
 - 3. [Continuously updated FAQs](#)
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Prairie Day
 - 1. Volunteers needed
 - ii. Yearbook
 - 1. Status update & distribution
 - a. Currently being reprinted and schedule for delivery next week
- d. Upcoming H&S Events
 - i. Thursday, May 22: Prairie Day
 - ii. Friday, May 23: Prairie Day Rain Date
 - iii. Tuesday, May 27: Wheel of Wisdom Assembly
 - iv. Sunday, June 22: Last Day to [Order School Supplies](#)
- 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

G. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Please submit WAAG entries by noon on Wednesday for next week's WAAG.
- b. Open Committee Chair positions.

H. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports
 - i. Account Balances
 - 1. Savings - \$5,562.46
 - 2. Checking - Bank \$57,207.24 - Book \$56,163.42
 - 3. Cheddar Up - \$5,165.00
 - ii. Monthly Reports [April 2025 Financials](#)
 - 1. Approval of Reports
 - a. KS b. MF
- 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](#)

- iii. Send in any expense reimbursement requests prior to 6/30/25 (mid-June) to be recorded in the current fiscal year
- d. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- e. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate](#)

I. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - ii. Thank-yous
 - 1. Jen Brandes (Asst. Principal) - Dear Prairie Families, Thank you so much for the generous Portillo's gift card, super cute sign and all of the kind words. This has been an incredible week and I have never felt so celebrated in my life! I am so grateful to be at Prairie. The community here is incredible! Thank you for making Prairie so special!
 - 2. Joanna Laperna (Kindergarten) - Dear Home & School, Thank you so much for organizing such a special Teacher Appreciation Week! I was so excited to receive the notecards, I had intended to order them and then forgot. What a special gift! Also, thank you for Downtown Naperville gift card. The kids were so excited to wear my favorite colors, such a sweet activity. Thank you also for having everyone fill out the About My Teacher cards, we bound it into a book and it is a perfect keepsake. Also, wow breakfast was delicious! I so appreciated you passing out flowers to children as they arrived, they were all so proud! Friday's lunch was amazing! Thank you for ALL you do for the Prairie Community, we are lucky!
 - 3. Jen Trezona (Spec. Ed. Asst.) - Thanks for the wonderful Amazon Gift Card for my retirement! Your unwavering commitment to the staff at Prairie School make a thriving place to teach. The care and generosity you show reminds me of what it means to be part of a strong supportive community. I am incredibly grateful for all that you do.
 - 4. Emily Kozlowski (Lunchroom Supervisor) - Thank you so much for the gift for lunch hero's day! Anderson's Bookshop is definitely my happy place. I appreciate all that you all do to support the Prairie staff!
- b. Attendance Raffle - WJHS spirit wear
 - i. Winner: Mandy Loh

J. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Thank you for an incredible year! Thank you to the entire Home & School community and the Home & School Executive Board, including outgoing Co-President Colleen Troupis and outgoing Secretary Allison Kellogg.
- b. From June 4th - July 10th, the playground at Prairie will be available for community use Monday-Thursday after 5:30pm. No summer school or park district activities are being held on Fridays.
- c. Welcome to our new custodian, Keaton Billings.
- d. Currently interviewing for a replacement for Mary Pat Witmer, who is retiring at the end of the school year.
- e. Please complete the online annual update as soon as possible.

- f. Please encourage friends with incoming kindergarteners to register with the district office. Of the 78 confirmed incoming kindergarten students, only 50 have registered with the district. This prevents administration from being able to hire a fourth section teacher. We expect to have four sections of kindergarten, however the position is not approved until enough students register with the district.
- g. Possible changes next year for Project Idea / Honors Math
 - i. Due to the 120 minute literacy block for PI and number of students qualified, Mrs. Staub may not be able to accommodate all sections of PI and HM
 - 1. 5th grade PI may be absorbed by 5th grade team
 - 2. One of the HM sections may be absorbed by a team as well
 - 3. More to come.
- h. There is no kindergarten graduation (no caps and gowns etc.). All elementary schools in the district have agreed to not include caps and gowns in end of year performance.

K. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. We wanted to share a heartfelt thank you for all the support H&S has given us throughout the school year. Your time, energy and commitment to Prairie makes such a difference to all! We also want to express our gratitude for the incredible Teacher Appreciation Week! You truly made us feel seen, valued and celebrated. We are so lucky to have you as partners at Prairie!

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Written reports attached.
- b. Verbal reports
 - i. Fun Run (Crystal Coon)
 - 1. The Fun Run will be held on September 26th. This year's event will be organized in house and will be more Prairie-specific. Ms. Fiedler will be assisting with graphic design work.
 - 2. We are in need of volunteers. Please reach out to Crystal (prairiefunrun@gmail.com) if interested in co-chairing or assisting the day of the event. We are looking for two additional volunteers to serve on the committee. The committee will not be required to secure sponsorships (this will be handled by the Fundraising Committee). The time commitment will be two meetings during the summer and heavy during the first couple of weeks of the school year.
 - ii. Christal Bagel (Staff Gift Cards)
 - 1. This spring's gift card program brought in over \$20k for teachers. 190 families contributed. Currently in the process of distributing gift cards to teachers. Cheddar Up was successful as a platform.
 - iii. Alyssa Connolly
 - 1. Walk With Charlie will be held on June 7th at 11:30am at Prairie. Pre-registration is open through May 15th. T-shirts are being donated by the Sims family in hopes participants will donate to Rush Medical Center. Links to register are in the WAAG and Facebook groups.

M. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Vote to approve 2024-25 overages

- i. SFCP Committee Budget increase of \$750
 1. KS 2. SH
 2. All in favor.
- b. Vote to approve 2025-26 budget
 - i. [Summary](#)
 - ii. [Detail](#)
 1. KS 2. LG
 2. All in favor.
- c. Vote to approve [teacher wishlists](#)
 1. LG 2. CB
 2. All in favor.

N. UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Thursday, May 15](#): Fifth Grade Fine Arts Night - 7 PM
- [Sunday, May 18](#): National Speech Pathologist Day
- [Monday, May 19](#): District 203 [Board Meeting](#) - 7 PM
- [Tuesday, May 20](#): Kindergarten Music Program
- [Wednesday, May 21](#): 5th Grade Pool Party, 4 - 6 PM
- [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, 2:15 PM
- [Tuesday, May 27](#): Deadline to Complete [Annual Online Update](#)
- [Sunday, June 22](#): Last Day to [Order School Supplies](#)

O. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:23am

- a. KS b. MO

H&S Committee Reports

Month: May 2025

Committee: Assemblies (prairieassemblies@gmail.com)

Chair: Matt Wilhelm

Looking forward to our upcoming Wheel of Wisdom shows on Tuesday, May 27th. We have shows scheduled for 8:30 and 9:30am. I already requested a check for the remaining balance, and we can just hand them the check at the show. I will be there in the morning to help with loading in and setup. I will have to leave after the start of the 2nd show. This is a great show and will be perfect for the last day of school!