



Home & School Meeting March 9, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting - 3:00pm

Attendance: BZ, JB, EK, AD, NA, NK, MP, KN, PS, DH, NW, SV, JK, SO, TM, LH, CR, SS,
IVH, CT, SM, CB, SM, SR

A. CALL TO ORDER at 3:01pm by EK

B. WELCOME

a. Acknowledgment of recording and guidelines for the Zoom meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February Minutes

- i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wkAdN0KsTe3vx21mv5l49SUyipACQw_oL5elKn2Zk8S8/edit?usp=sharing
- ii. Approval of February minutes, as distributed by NW, seconded by MP.

D. FINANCIALS FOR REVIEW

a. February Financials

- i. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qc5pSSeujktIIOWs_OvMm1QzwZ95mANV?usp=sharing

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. Thank You

- i. Matt Wilhelm and Ms. Brandes for setting up the Scott Green Family Assembly.
- ii. Tracy Simmons for organizing the Nick Bruel and Dan Gutman author visits.
- iii. Erika Gerdes and Amy Amato for bringing in food for staff on March 5th.
- iv. Megan Pagnucci for acknowledging our social workers this week during School Social Work week.
- v. Thank you to our amazing social workers, Mrs. Wheeler and Ms Keough, for all of their work with our kids.
- vi. Thank you to Liza Hood for working with teachers to fulfill the teacher experiences from last year's social.
- vii. Thank you to all of the parents to volunteer to help H&S. I have been in various meetings lately, in the evening, and I am just blown away by the amount of time parents are willing to give to committees. Everyone's lives are busy and these parents take the time to organize events. I am very appreciative.

b. District Updates

i. Administration and School Board Updates

1. Summer School

a. Registration started March 1st

i. In person

- b. There will be extra options for summer learning
 - i. Tailored due to MAP scores
 - ii. Free and available to all families
 - iii. Wide variety of options to fit families' schedules
 - iv. Will be discussed at 4/1/21 school board meeting
 - 2. Return 2 Learn
 - a. Unless a government agency says we cannot, 203 will be 5 days/week full-time in the fall.
 - b. No truth to rumor that they are considering a permanent 4 days/week schedule.
 - c. As long as we trend the way we are now, extended school days expect after spring break.
 - i. The 3/15/21 school board meeting will have the information on this plan.
 - ii. April 7th MAY be a remote planning day.
 - d. Early childhood through 5th grade may be decided on separately from the older grades.
 - 3. Vaccinations
 - a. District 203 is partnering with four other districts to provide vaccine clinics.
 - b. First clinic is March 5th.
 - c. District is trying to get an accurate account of those staff still in need of the vaccine.
 - i. Reminder: vaccine is not mandatory for staff.
 - 4. Newly appointed school board member
 - a. Tony Casey, long-time Naperville resident and next year will have four kids in the district. He will serve out the remainder of Janet Yang-Rohr's term. His bio can be found [here](#).
 - 5. The School board is considering staffing needs for next year and will vote on it at the 3/15/21 meeting.
 - 6. [Return to Learn FAQs](#)
- ii. General Home & School Updates
 - 1. Audit/Treasurer information
 - a. 2021-22 dues will be \$350, down from \$400
 - b. Going forward there will be a strict deadline for the audit materials to be supplied so as to not incur excessive fees.
 - 2. League of Women Voters Candidate Forum
 - a. Reminder, LWV of Naperville is a non-partisan organization and H&S does not endorse candidates.
 - i. H&S members may personally endorse candidates.
 - b. March 11th, 7pm, register here: <https://lwvnaperville.org/?event=naperville-school-district-203-candidate-forum-march-11>
 - c. [Voter Guide](#)
 - 3. General H&S Slate Ballot
 - a. President - Dani Bourgeois
 - b. Vice President - Tammy Schultz
 - c. Secretary - Emily Kozlowski

- d. Treasurer - Melanie Lucero
- e. Bios on the nominees can be found [here](#).
- f. Voting will take place at the April 7th General H&S meeting
- c. President's Report
 - i. Posting H&S agenda ahead of time
 - 1. Looking for feedback. Is this useful? Would parents like this to continue.
 - a. Feedback positive, we will continue to provide the agenda prior to the meeting.
 - ii. Clarification about Staff Appreciation--Food committee
 - 1. Food brought in adhering to COVID guidelines.
 - 2. We are not throwing a party, just providing food for teachers.
 - iii. Jon Vogel and Washington H&S President will join us at the April meeting.

F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Open Committee Chair Positions for 2021-22: Birthday Books, Health & Safety, Marquee, Yearbook Sales, Art from the Heart, Box Tops, Prairie Fest (add 3rd,) Prairie Partners, Special Projects, Staff Appreciation Gifts, Yearbook
 - i. Please email prairieschoolvp@gmail.com if you have interest in any of the above positions or would like to learn more about what the position entails.
- b. Slate Ballot/Election Update: Introduce candidates for Vice President and Secretary positions. Digital ballot closed at 3pm today. Votes will be counted following this meeting and newly elected officers will be presented at our next H&S meeting in April.
 - i. VP - Megan Pagnucci
 - ii. Secretary - Dana Hall
- c. Budget Planning for next year: All current committee chairs please complete the budget planning form by 3/10.

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qc5pSSeujktII0Ws_OvMm1QzwZ95mANV?usp=sharing
 - i. Savings Account \$5002.18
 - ii. Checking Account \$48,577.49
 - iii. Approval of reports, as distributed, by MP, seconded by JK.
- b. 2020-2021 Budget Worksheet for reference
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11Iqs9lo6SQQCzs7YqB6vMce9-uDuv8Nr/view?usp=sharing>
- c. Policy reminders
 - i. Money collection needs to go through Prairie
 - ii. Tax exempt form on Volunteer Drive
 - iii. 2 signatures needed on deposit forms
- d. Any outstanding reimbursements/invoices reminder

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Thank you note from Mrs. LaPerna

- b. Prairievolunteer Google drive cleanup
- c. Vote for General H&S slate ballot
 - i. General H&S slate ballot passed unanimously.
- d. Raffle Prize - Quigley's gift card - winner Sue Martinson

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Thanks to Home and School for providing staff with a wonderful catered lunch last week as well as for your continued support and partnership this school year.
- b. Trimester Three Return to Learn
 - i. I am pleased to share that for trimester three over 90 percent of our Prairie Dogs will be back in person. We are excited to welcome back even more students on March 16th.
- c. 5th grade Outdoor Ed will be a one day event on March 17th.
- d. School Pictures
 - i. HR imaging will be coming to Prairie on March 18 to take individual student photos.
 - ii. The schedule for picture day is as follows:
 1. 8:30-10:30 for students attending in the morning
 2. 12:15-2:15 for students attending in the afternoon
 3. 2:50-4:30 for remote students (an appointment will need to be scheduled with the main office)
 4. A Talk 203 with additional information will be coming out today at 4:30.
- e. 5 Essentials Survey
 - i. We are encouraging our families to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. This information is important in helping us to gauge what we are doing well at Prairie as well as any areas for growth. Keep in mind the purpose of this survey is to provide feedback specific to Prairie.
- f. Kindergarten Registration/Returning Families
 - i. If you are aware of any families that have an incoming kindergarten student, please encourage them to register ASAP. This will allow us to have an accurate count to plan for staffing and materials. This also extends to any families that left Prairie for private school but are planning to return for the 21-22 school year.
- g. MAP Assessment and Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)
 - i. MAP assessment concluding now. Students will be taking IAR (late April, early May). Illinois Science Assessment (March). Access testing (ESL) may be starting as early as next week. A second round of MAP testing will be done at the end of May, early June.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. First of all, thank you so much for the DELICIOUS meal on Friday! We were able to have generous helpings and take a few minutes to sit back and enjoy after our first full week in a while. It was very thoughtful and so appreciated! Also, personally I want to thank you and Home and School for the thoughtful gifts for Baby Callaghan, Miles and Ada! We lasted a few days without opening :) Miles and Ada felt so special getting their own activities as well as excited to

open what the baby got...you can clearly see that in the attached picture. We are very excited for Baby Callaghan to join the Prairie family!!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Verbal

- i. Megan Pagnucci spoke for Staff Gifts. Mrs. Callaghan was given baby books for her new baby due in May. For social work week, both social workers received a framed art print. Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Strauss and Mrs. Erickson all received gift cards for their retirement.
- ii. Carolyn Buckingham spoke for school supplies. We are close to having the supply lists confirmed. The Kindergarten list is ready to go. The rest of the lists will be ready next week.
- iii. Shelley Scarbrough spoke for Prairie Day. This year Prairie Day will go through district approval with the help of PE teachers. When we know more we will work with staff to plan.
- iv. Emily Kozlowski spoke for Book Fair. The Book Fair will take place the week of April 12. It will be virtual through Anderson's. Up, Up and Away is the theme. Since we can't travel right now, books can take you anywhere that you'd like to go. We put together slide presentations to showcase books. Flyer will come home with a wish list. Will be doing a couple raffles. 24 kids are doing video book reviews.
- v. Chris Rago spoke for Adult/Family Social. Kat Stark Carpenter has joined as the new co-chair. The event is a family scavenger hunt to be held May 23rd.

b. Written Reports attached

L. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding the Prairie60540 Facebook page.
 - i. Perhaps we need to make it clear that H&S and Prairie are not associated with that page.
 - ii. We will reach out to the admin of that page to make that a part of the description.
- b. Is there a new health technician at Prairie?
 - i. Position has been posted. One interview, but no replacement yet.
- c. Are Watchdogs being considered for Return to Learn?
 - i. Program is on hold for now, but will come back when allowed.
- d. April 7th may be a remote planning day depending on potential changes to Return to Learn plan.

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Thursday, March 11th, School Board Candidate Forum
- b. Friday, March 12th, Deadline to submit 5th Grade Pictures
- c. Friday, March 12th, Spirit Day
- d. Monday, March 15th, School Board Meeting
- e. Tuesday, March 16th, Dan Gutman Book Orders Due
- f. Friday, March 19th, Crazy Sock Day
- g. Friday, March 19th, Report Cards Come Out
- h. Monday March 29th-April 5th, Spring Break
- i. Tuesday, April 6th, No School, Institute Day

j. Tuesday, April 6th, Election Day

Motion to adjourn at 3:56pm by NW, seconded by MP.

H&S Committee Reports

Month: March 2021

Committee: 5th Grade special projects committee

Chairperson(s): Brooke Olsen, Kari Walker, Kerry Palm

Email: Brookemolsen@yahoo.com

Report: We are in the planning stages for the end of year 5th grade celebrations. We have many ideas planned out but are waiting for final guidance from the district as to what will be possible. The events are:

Valentine's Day party - planning as an outdoor party in May. Once we have a better idea from the district, we will be able to put together a socially distanced version of the traditional last party for fifth grade.

Fine Arts night (in coordination with specials teachers) - planning as a classroom zoom event, we are putting together the slideshow and are still looking for 5-8 pictures from parents. Please email to karipogue@gmail.com

Yard signs - we have approval from Mr. Zallis and Home and School for funding for "graduate" yard signs for all 5th graders. We will need volunteers to get them distributed towards the final week of school.

Clap out (last day) - can be done socially distanced.

Class picture - we are looking at ideas how to take a whole class picture while maintaining distancing. We might have to get creative with HR Imaging when they take the picture.

Committee: Art Awareness

Chairperson(s): Amanda Donegan, Maggie Rubin

Email: prairieartawareness@gmail.com

Report: Thank you so much to all of the Art Awareness volunteers that helped with the 2nd trimester projects! Thank you for volunteering your time and adapting to be able to continue this program for the students. We are currently working on adjusting the 3rd trimester projects so they can be done virtually. If you haven't yet completed the 2nd trimester project for your classroom, please reach out to your teacher to schedule a time.

Committee: School Supplies

Chairperson(s): Carolyn Buckingham and Heather Chura

Email: cforgue@gmail.com, heatherchura1@gmail.com

Report: We are in the final steps for finalizing our school supply ordering website and confirming supply list accuracy with the teachers. The Kindergarten list will be active by tomorrow to share with Kindergarten Preview.

Submitted by AD.