

Prairie Creek Community School
School Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2020
7:00pm

Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057

- 1 Call to order 7:05 Call to order
- 2 Attendance

2019-2020	Aug 22	Sept 26	Oct 24	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 23	Feb 27	Mar 19	Apl 23	May 28	Jun 25
Trish Beckman	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Jason Buckmeier	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓				
Don Findlay	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Bonnie Jean Flom	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓				
Ryan Krominga	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Molly McGovern Wills	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ben Miller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Lisa Percy	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓				
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Keith Johnson- ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Colleen Braucher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X				

- 3 Recognition/Announcements: The 5th graders going to Wolf Ridge and all the staff who supported. Cathy for leading 4th grade week. The 2/3 team (teachers and staff) who supported the camp in. The leaders of STEM day. Cathy for scaling the 10 foot wall at the Ninja gym. The amazing opera performance. Ben Doughrty, John Molitor and Jeff Damm for clearing the trees out of the creek. Colleen for all she does. Christine Williams and Andrea Mazzariello for the grant writing for the Arts Committee.
- 4 Public Comments: Introduction of auction chair.
- 5 Approve Agenda
Moved: Bonnie Jean Flom
Second: Jason Buckmeier
Passed: Unanimous
- 6 Approve Minutes from the January 1-23-2020 Board Meeting
Moved: Ryan Krominga
Second: Molly McGovern Wills
Passed: Unanimous
- 7 Items for discussion and/or reports
 - a Director Report: Update on applications, 56 for the Kindergarten lottery. Staffing updates are noted on the report.

b Education Program Committee: The teachers are starting our 8th cycle of lesson study. The lesson will be taught in math. Staff continues to work on equity. The staff has also been thinking about theme and timelines. The staff also discussed technology and reading. The teachers will also be working to develop a philosophy for technology at PCCS.

c Finance Committee: Keith provided an overview of the current year budget. He noted the increase in the adjustment of the budget for staffing. There is a current proposal to cap special education funding for charter schools. The board discussed contacting legislators to express concerns regarding this bill. The school safety funds may be used for diversity professional development. The finance committee is starting to discuss the new budget process. There has been a strategic decline in the fund balance over the last few years.

d Development Committee: The auction is 22 days away. The volunteer enrollment is on track. The donations and experiences are down a little bit this year. The auction committee is looking for some assistance in contacting some people for donations. Considerations include a match for cash donations for at the auction, classroom baskets. Simon complimented the development team on the careful thinking that they are doing in helping the school to reach its goal. Jason acknowledged all the leads on the work they are doing to prepare for the auction.

e Nominations Committee: The board will have 3 spots. One two year term and two 3 year terms. The board discussed how to set up the value. The nominations committee

f Policy Committee: Notes the changes to the Enrollment and Lottery

g Sub Committee Reports: The board talked about wellness updates and that the Director and nurse are staying on top of the updates for current illnesses that are circulating.

Arts Committee

(submitted by Nancy Dennis)

It's been a busy time. Fabulous Opera Residency completed on January 29th. Our committee met earlier than usual this month to review the grant application. The application was submitted on February 7th. Huge shout out to Christine Williams and Andrea Mazzariello for doing the lion's share of the work. We expect to hear results in July. We very much hope to receive this grant; we feel our application is strong, however, if we don't, we plan to do pieces of the grant with the PCCS budget provided for arts experiences.

Matt Eastvold came in to hang the school poem on Wednesday, 2/19. It is beautiful! The poem has certainly been a collaborative effort and will live on in our school's life. Simon shared that the 5th graders sang the song around the campfire at Wolf Ridge. Lovely.

Next month, we will meet to reflect on the Opera Residency as well as look forward to True Colors which will be held on May Day this year.

Technology Committee

The technology committee reflected on our recent individualized PD afternoon. It was successful and we're looking at ways to improve it and expand it to more staff. We are

beginning to look at our archiving of documents and ways we could shift to digital and what that would involve so that they're secure yet accessible.

Wellness Committee

The next Wellness Committee meeting is on April 8

Community Connections

Community Connections is hosting a Game Night for families on February 28.

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

Moved: Don Findlay

Second: Bonnie Jean Flom

Passed: Unanimous

b Review: Enrollment and Lottery Policy

Moved: Trish Beckman

Second: Molly McGovern Wills

Passed: Unanimous

9 Adjournment 8:33

Moved: Lisa Percy

Second: Ryan Krominga

Passed: Unanimous

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 @ 7:00