

**Prairie Creek Community School  
School Board Monthly Meeting Agenda**

**January 22, 2015**

**7:00pm**

**Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057**

1 Call to order 7:08pm

2 Attendance

2014-2015	Aug 28	Sept 25	Oct 23	Nov 20	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 26	Mar 19	Apl 23	May 28	June 25
Randy Clay		✓		✓		✓					
Julie Cohrs	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Roz Eaton-Neeb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Bonnie Jean Flom	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
Amy Gernon	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Amy Haslett-Marroquin	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					
Ben Miller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Dan Rustad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Keith Johnson- ex officio	✓	✓	✓								
Colleen Braucher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

3 Recognition/Announcements: Simon would like to recognize Bonnie Jean, Roz, Laura Medwetz and Ryan Krominga for all the work on the strategic planning. Kelsey for coming out to join us for the meeting tonight. Roz would like to thank Mary Upham for the great presentation last week.

4 Public Comments: None

5 Approve Agenda

Moved: Kelsey Fitschen Hemmah

Second: Randy Clay

Passed: unanimous

6 Approve Minutes from December 18, 2014

Moved: Julie Cohrs

Second: Randy Clay

Passed: unanimous

7 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Director Report: We currently have 24 applications for next years kindergarten lottery. We still have one open house before the lottery, on February 8, 2015. The Heart of the Beast will be this years residency. The faculty is working on setting up a rotating plan for a 3-year rotation. We will have a celebration of the arts residency on March 12 with True Colors event. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Wolf Ridge the first week in February. Community Connection will have an event tomorrow, Game Night, here at school. Family Service Night will be on February 20. Simon will be out of the building at the PEN Conference in Chicago next Wednesday through Saturday.

b Finance Committee: The charitable contribution line was changed to \$22,000 from \$12,000. Health Insurance has been renewed at 6.5%. Our expected end of the year

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budget for fund balance is 29.84%. We are trying to be more clear with PC, Inc about what they will pay and communicate better with them in advance for what we need done for services.

c Development Committee: Auction work has begun. We are going to do some more branding. It will be at the Great Hall, Carleton, Friday, March 20, 2015. Auction, wine wall will replace heads and tails. Guest speaker from one of our founding members. The first year of charter school children will be graduating from high school this year. We hope to include them in some manner. Kevin Dahle will do the live auction. Great Gatherings will be the theme of the live auction. Live auction will have events for both adult only events and child events. They are also going to ask for business donations.

Lisa Percy, Kirsten Zillmer, Amy Gernon and Julie Cohrs got together and talked about how they can come together as a board and community connection. Julie would like to ask the question for next year "Is there a valid place on the board for community connections?" They need to be around the table for strategic planning.

d Strategic Planning: The sub group met and came up with topics to be discussed on February 16. More information will come from this day of planning.

e Nominations Committee: Getting ready to send a notice to the community. With elections happening in late April.

f Assessment Overview: Ongoing assessment by teacher in regard to: engagement, curiosity, questions skills. Teachers assess by observing the children, work samples, self-reflection, peer feedback, Rubrics, and presentations. We are very careful not to compare children to each other. We use rubrics as a self-evaluation tool. Social and emotional growth is assessed by Gallup Survey, socio-grams, Habits of Mind Reflections, observations during peer play/friendships in different settings, engagements with others, Narrative commentaries by teachers, and whole staff child check-ins. Accountability Assessments: Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments each spring, Math, Reading grades 3,4,5 and Science grade 5 only. Accountability Plan: each year PCCS establishes academic and non-academic accountability. Literacy Plan Assessments –letter identification, oral language, spelling inventory, Fountas and Pinnell reading levels, sight words, vocabulary (early reading screening instrument decodable words). PCCS provides additional literacy support to students who do not qualify for special education services. For 2014-2015 PCCS is piloting the use of NWEA computerized assessments. All k-5 students were evaluated in the fall. Data was reviewed by teams of teachers and used to support decision making for math grouping and intervention support groups. Classroom based assessments: Qualitative Reading Inventory (4/5), Words their way, reading interviews, math interviews, pre/post math united assessments, work samples, basic fact mastery checks, Khan academy, Math Talks.

## 8 Items for individual action

### a Consent Agenda

- Minor revision to staff working agreement for Susan Kesselring to 0.95 FTE
- Health Insurance Renewal with Health Partners, 6.5% increase
- Accept \$8,000 anonymous donation

Moved: Bonnie Jean

Second: Amy Haslett-Marroquin

Passed: unanimous

## 9 Adjournment 9:10pm

Moved: Bonnie Jean Flom

Second: Julie Cohrs

Passed: unanimous