

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

February 22, 2018

7:00pm

Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield, MN 55057

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

2017-2018	Aug 25	Sept 28	Oct 26	Nov 18	Dec 14	Jan 25	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apl 26	May 24	June 22
Trish Beckman	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Jason Buckmeier	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Jodi Doeden	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓				
Bonnie Jean Flom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ryan Krominga	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Gabe Meerts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓				
Ben Miller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X				
Lisa Percy	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Keith Johnson- ex officio	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Colleen Braucher	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				

- 3 Recognition/Announcements: Michelle Martin has been awarded the Minnesota Council of Social Studies Elementary Teacher of the year for 2018. Congratulations Michelle! The arts committee for their work on grant writing, especially Andrea Mazzariello and Christine Williams. Sarah Sword for all her STEM Day work. The 4/5 teams for another successful trip to Wolf Ridge. The 2/3 team for a great 2/3 camp in. The auction team for all their work. Everyone who helped out at the open house in February. Simon for his work on planning Dr. Hillmann's visit.
- 4 Public Comments : None
- 5 Approve Agenda
Moved: Gabe Meerts
Second: Lisa Percy
Passed: unanimous
- 6 Approve Minutes from January 25, 2018
Moved: Kelsey Fitschen Hemmah
Second: Lisa Percy
Passed: unanimous
- 7 Items for discussion and/or reports
 - a Director Report: Successful STEM day event we had today. Dr. Hillmann conducted his authorizer site visit on February 21. We really appreciate having him in our building. We had a staff workshop day on Monday, February 19, 2018 Understanding and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students in Schools. It was a very useful 3-hour training. Open house on Sunday, February 11 had about 25 people on the sign in sheet.
 - b Education Program Committee: Imagine Conference planning has begun. Part of the February workday was used for planning. Lots of great ideas at the planning session. Michelle B and Carley went to The Council of Exceptional Children Conference in February.

Social skills videos have been the focus of PD work. We have also been having courageous conversation around educating for equity in PD. We have more questions to answer and will return to this discussion in our next Wednesday. True Colors preparation is under way.

c Finance Committee: The IRS form 990 is ready for the board to approve. The budget has had no significant change. We are starting to look at the preliminary budget.

d Development Committee: The development committee is focusing on the auction. Everything looks like it is on track.

e Nominations Committee:

Nominees for the upcoming School Board are:

Lisa Percy

Ben Miller

Kelsey Fitschen Hemmah

Bonnie Jean Flom

f Policy Committee: Nothing new to present this month. From the training on Monday we have more clarity on some policies to bring forth. The bill has been brought forth giving lottery admissions preference for families living within 2 miles of Prairie Creek Community School.

g Sub Committee Reports:

Technology

The Technology committee discussed a strategy to improve some of our aging MacBook at a fraction of the cost of replacing them by replacing the hard drives with solid-state ones. We will begin with two and expand from there if successful. We reflected on the successful training the teachers received from Josh Goldberg of Canopy IT Solutions and we will do it again in the future. We also begin preparations to upgrade the framework of our website updating it but will most likely maintain much of the same content.

Wellness Committee

No updates. Next meeting: April 4, 2018

Arts' Committee

-Minnesota State Arts Board Grant written and submitted for 2019 Arts Residency.

Title: "Our Circus Stories" collaboration with Circus Juventas. Many thanks to the whole committee, but especially Christine Williams and Andrea Mazzariello for their work during this process.

-Poetry Residency wrapping up. Post residency evaluations will be given to all students.

-All School Poem (with Rob Hardy) is in process. Plan to present as part of May Day celebration.

-True Colors Event: Angie has plans well underway for the March 8th event. We will have poet Rachel, and Book Arts illustrators running stations.

Facility Committee

The heat tape project has been completed so far this winter no leaks have been reported. This is a big improvement on prior years!

The next PC Inc meeting is in April. At this meeting summer building projects will be discussed with the landlord.

Community Connections

A parent education event takes place on Tuesday, February 27. Simon Tyler and Michelle Martin will present on the topic of Habits of Mind from 7pm to 8pm. New families are

invited to arrive at 6:30pm for an informal conversation about spring traditions and events at Prairie Creek.

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

Moved: Kelsey Fitschen Hemmah

Second: Lisa Percy

Passed: unanimous

b Approve 2016 IRS Form 990 Return

Moved: Jodi Doeden

Second: Lisa Percy

Passed: unanimous

9 Adjournment 7:54pm

Moved: Kelsey Fitschen Hemmah

Second: Lisa Percy

Passed: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2018