

Prairie Creek Community School
School Board Monthly Meeting Notes

April 26, 2018

7:00pm

Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield, MN 55057

- 1 Call to order 7:04pm
- 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	✓	✓	✓	X	✓		
Colleen Braucher	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

- 3 Recognition/Announcements: The 5th grade teachers for their great communication and direction to the mentors. The k/1 team, Michelle B, Simon, Colleen & Connie for attending kindergarten orientation last Saturday and welcoming new families. Marianne for all of her years here as a parent and for work as an employee here, she will be missed. Amanda Pettis for her work with new families this year. Thank you to the people who took time to come to the listening session this past Wednesday. Thank you to Nancy for all her work on the final report for the Arts' Grant.
- 4 Public Comments: none
- 5 Approve Agenda
Moved: Jodi Doeden
Second: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah
Passed: unanimous
- 6 Approve Minutes from March 22, 2018
Moved: Lisa Percy
Second: Bonnie Jean Flom
Passed: unanimous
- 7 Items for discussion and/or reports
 - a Director Report: May Day celebration is coming up on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us. The listening sessions are under way, with 2 more coming up the first part of May.
 - b Education Program Committee: 4/5's have completed their projects, 2/3 are coming up on May Day, and the k/1 team will have their project fair on 5/4. From a tech side the MCA's have gone very smoothly. We will finish up tomorrow with the majority of the children. Sophia, long term music sub, is leading some mini concerts during all school

gatherings. Professional Development we have piloted an all staff meeting 3 times this year. Messy Math was one of our professional development meetings, and a terrific conversation about themes.

c Finance Committee: The budget outlook has been updated. The budget for 18-19 was presented to the board. This budget reflects a 2% state aide increase with the following 2 years with no state aide increase or increase in salaries.

d Development Committee: We continue to see small amounts coming in from the auction. The committee is looking at other ways to bring revenue into the school.

e Nominations Committee: Board voting is complete.

f Policy Committee

i Review: Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Prevention Policy; Grievance Procedures – Will not discuss waiting to hear from the lawyer

g Sub Committee Reports

Technology

The Tech committee is pleased with how smoothly the first week of MCA testing has been. The Chromebooks and carts have made it much easier and we really appreciate Bob and Josh from Canopy IT Solutions for improving our network to handle so many computers running at once. We have used almost all of the remaining tech budget on MacBook Airs for staff as we are hoping to have all teachers with newer computers by next year as well as many of the other staff. This is a cycle that we began two years ago so that we wouldn't need to purchase laptops for everyone at once. Josh (Canopy IT) also led a very successful 30-minute professional development at the staff meeting to help teachers be more comfortable with technology and maintaining their laptops.

Wellness Committee

Wellness Committee Update: The committee met for the last time this school year on April 4. We mostly discussed 3 items: we've talked about having a local dentist come out annually for oral health education for all K/1's. Connie Menssen will follow up on that to get it started fall 2018. Next, we discussed the playground mulch. It needs to be measured and we possibly need more. Simon will discuss this with PC Facilities and this could be a project for June 2018. And finally, we are excited to add a "Wellness Tab" when our website is updated this summer. Connie will provide several wellness related website links we want added. Dates for next year's meetings are: Wednesdays October 10, January 9, and April 10 at 1:20.
Connie Menssen

Arts' Committee

Arts' Committee met for its final meeting on April 19th. This was a celebration meeting for a very successful year for the Arts.

Outstanding Items for this Year:

Amy H., Amy N. and Nancy are working on the Final Report required by the State Arts Board to close out the grant. We will complete the report after May Day...the final pieces of the grant will be done at that time: April 28th Library Readings by PCCS Children, and on May Day Rob Hardy reading the All School Poem to the school community.

All School Poem will be displayed in some form in the school. Angie is working on the specific form and location. We had hoped to have this completed by May Day, but now we're hoping for the start of school next year.

The 2018-2019 Grant for the Circus Arts Residency was submitted in February. We will know in July if the grant is awarded.

Facility Committee

No updates. Next PC Inc meeting: May 7

At this meeting summer building projects will be discussed with the landlord.

Community Connections

A Parent Education evening was hosted on April 17: The Method to our Mathness. Teachers Amy Brown, Nancy Dennis and Michelle Martin presented on the pedagogy and practice of math at Prairie Creek.

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

- 2017 – 2018 Calendar Revision:

School was cancelled due to adverse weather on the dates of January 22, January 23, March 6, and April 3, 2018.

- Make-up day for winter weather: June 8, 2018

Moved: Lisa Percy

Second: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah

Passed: unanimous

b Second Read & Vote: Gender Inclusion Policy

Moved: Bonnie Jean Flom

Second: Ryan Krominga

Passed: unanimous

c Approve FY19 Budget and 3 year budget

Moved: Lisa Percy

Second: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah

Passed: unanimous

d Approve FY19 the Lease Aide Application

Moved: Jodi Doeden

Second: Lisa Percy

Passed: unanimous

9 Adjournment 7:40pm

Moved: Gabe Meerts

Second: Jason Buckmeier

Passed: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018