

Prairie Creek Community School
 School Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
 October 28, 2021 @ 7:00pm
 Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057

- 1 Call to order 7:00pm
- 2 Attendance

2021-2022	Aug 26	Sep 23	Oct 28	Nov 18	Dec 16	Jan 27	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apl 28	May 26	Jun 23
Shelly Dickinson	X	✓	✓								
Don Findlay	✓	X	✓								
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓								
Tim Goodwin	✓	✓	✓								
Molly McGovern Wills	X	✓	✓								
Beth Molitor	✓	✓	✓								
Lyndsey Reece	✓	✓	✓								
Christine Williams	✓	✓	✓								
Margit Zsolnay	✓	✓	✓								
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓								
Keith Johnson- ex officio	✓	✓	✓								
Colleen Braucher	✓	X	✓								

- 3 Recognition/Announcements All the hourly staff TA, Office Assistants, ASC staff, Paraprofessionals they have been the glue that holds us all together. They have been incredibly flexible this year, and we appreciate them all.
- 4 Public Comments: Shelly Lundin shared her opposition to the vaccination/weekly testing mandate. Shelly also shared that they are not in support of the protocol of the vaccination requirement for volunteers.
- 5 Approve Agenda
 Moved: Shelly Dickinson
 Second: Margit Zsolnay

Passed: unanimous

6 Approve Minutes from the September 23, 2021 meeting

Moved: Lyndsey Reece

Second: Margit Zsolnay

Passed: unanimous

7 FY21 Financial Audit presented by Dennis Hoogeveen, CliftonLarsonAllen,CLA,: Thank you Keith for all your hard work. The audit team really enjoys working with you. CLA issued a clean or unqualified audit opinion for FY 21. Excellent cash balance as of 6/30/2021 due to the PPP loan. Very strong balance sheet at year end. CLA reports to the Minnesota Department of Education by November 30, 2021. There was a finding this year due to the PPP loan that was deposited, we exceeded our collateral coverage. This finding has been corrected.

8 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Director Report: We continue to meet as an ICT once every two weeks. We have had a strong start to the year with our COVID mitigation. We have implemented the testing plan for students in our building. Thank you Connie for all your work in getting this set up for the community. There was discussion regarding protocols for COVID in the building. We had a nice All School Gathering, ASG, this week with alum Sam Swedin who built the footbridge over the creek for us. Michelle interviewed Sam, a song was sung for him and all the children left the ASG over the footbridge.

b Board Committee Assignments:

c Education Program Committee: It is important as a board for us to think about all the microlevel things. We did conferences. It was nice to see families in the building. We have done some culminating events. We have had some nice PD from Michelle Flannery. Our new math curriculum has been a focus of some of our Wednesday work.

d Finance Committee: We will be changing our fund balance from estimated to final. We will be adding a line for dental in the budget. We received funds for COVID testing that will be added to the budget.

e Development Committee: We are getting ready to gear up for Give to the Max. Simon has been in contact with an anonymous donor to match \$10,000 for Give to the Max. There is a schedule of when things will be sent out for messaging for Give to the Max Day. We hope to raise the same amount we did last year during the GiveMN campaign. We are

not going to plan a major fundraising event this year. We are going to put more merchandise in the Larson online store to boost our fundraising.

f Nominations Committee: All of our new board members have completed at least one of the required training. Some have completed all of the training.

g Policy Committee: We are having our title 9 policy reviewed by our lawyer. We are working on getting a November meeting scheduled.

h Sub Committee Reports:

Technology Committee

(submitted by Simon Tyler)

The Technology Committee met on October 20. The committee reviewed purchases of Ipads, Chromebooks and Staff MacBooks. The school has Chromebooks for students in grades 2-5, Ipads for students in K/1. The committee discussed storage options and the three teachers (one from each team) on the committee are going to research the best options for each team.

The faulty Smartboard in the Robins has been replaced. The committee approved the purchase of a short throw projector and a screen for the Kestrels.

Going forward, teacher Amber Reher is going to lead this sub-committee.

Wellness Committee

Fall meeting October 27. Led by Nurse Connie

The committee reviewed staff training for CPR, organized by Connie. Seizure Smart training has been scheduled for November 3. Connie led a successful health/vision screening clinic (grades 1, 3 and 5) and is organizing retakes. A staff flu clinic was hosted on October 6. The committee discussed the mental health supports for children, staff and families being provided in the new initiative with Michelle Flannery. Jakob Anderson was welcomed onto the committee. Jakob now has a role in the afternoon as a health PCA.

Arts Committee

(submitted by Amy Haslett- Marroquin)

The Arts Committee had its first meeting of the 2021-22 school year. We discussed returning to the three year cycle that had been established prior to the past pandemic year of a mix of residency programs: St. Olaf Opera, Local artists and larger art projects through the MN Arts Council. For the current year, we are looking toward spring to plan a scaled back residency experience for Prairie Creek students. After creating an extensive brainstorm list, we decided to pursue some connections around photography; the committee members are reaching out to local photographers to determine if a project is viable for the spring. We are contacting artists in other areas as well, which may lead to some day visits and smaller projects.

Community Connections

Several Community Connections events have been hosted in the first six weeks of school including gatherings at Whitetail Regional Park, Open Hands Farm and Caron Park. Room Reps organized classroom social gatherings for each family.

9 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

New Working Agreement

Hannah Bauer - After School Care Assistant

Working Agreement Revisions

Samantha Bolton - Teaching Assistant / Special Education Paraprofessional

Jakob Anderson - Special Education Paraprofessional / Special Education Personal Care Assistant / After School

Moved: Kelsey Fitchen Hemmah

Second: Don Findlay

Passed: unanimous

b FY21 PCCS Annual Report / WBWF Report

Moved: Lyndsey Reece

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passed: unanimous

c 22/23 School Calendar

Moved: Margit Zsolnay

Second: Lyndsey Reece

Passed: unanimous

9. Adjournment 9:01pm

Moved: Don Findlay

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passed: unanimous

Next board meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 7:00pm (Third Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving break)