

Prairie Creek Community School
School Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022 @ 7:00pm
Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057

- 1 Call to order 7:03pm
- 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	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓				
Don Findlay	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓				
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tim Goodwin	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Molly McGovern Wills	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓				
Beth Molitor	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓				
Lyndsey Reece	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X				
Christine Williams	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Margit Zsolnay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Keith Johnson- ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Colleen Braucher	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

- 3 Recognition/Announcements: Simon would like to recognize the 5th grade Wolf Ridge trip. Michelle Martin, Ryan Kiesel, and Cale Steinhoff. Amber Reher for leading 4th grade week. The board members for joining the faculty work day on Monday and discussing strategic planning.
- 4 Public Comments: There was public comment from Mike Jones regarding vaccination status.
- 5 Approve Agenda
Moved: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah
Second: Don Findlay

Passes: unanimous

6 Approve Minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting

Moved: Tim Goodwin

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passes: unanimous

7 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Director Report: We currently have 38 applications for kindergarten fall 2022. All the 5th graders are attending Wolf Ridge. We have an opening for an Art teacher next school year. We met with the landlord about summer projects in the building. There will be a listening session for strategic planning next Tuesday for families to have an opportunity to give input.

b Education Program Committee: Finance Committee: Math Flocks have resumed again. New themes have started in many grade bands. There is a lot of great outdoor education happening. We started to connect with our bird buddies. There is planning for an all school read aloud. Q-comp cognitive coaching will be happening next week.

c Finance Committee: A slight improvement in the budget outlook. Our fund balance is still projected to be at 40% at the end of the year. We have been approved for a grant that will help provide a new/different playground. We have about a year and ½ to spend the funds. Finance committee met tonight and looked at the 5 year budget outlook. Our fund balance policy is met in the projected 3 year budget. The finance committee will meet with staff at school next month. The board could expect to see a preliminary budget at the April meeting.

d Development Committee: Nothing new to report

e Nominations Committee: We have a handful of people who have submitted their names for consideration. We will bring those names to the board next month.

f Policy Committee: There are two policies for items for action tonight. We would like to remove the Scholarship policy and have that information live in the handbook. The School Records for Kindergarten Students Revisions is updating the policy.

g Sub Committee Reports:

Arts Committee (submitted by Amy Haslett)

The arts committee is scheduling artist shares during All School Gathering for March (singer Helen Forsythe), April (Andrea Mazzareillo) and May (Pickup Opera.). The May residency is confirmed for May 6th through May 18th with Elenor Jensen, the Carleton naturalist, with the

help of some Carleton artists including Kelly Connole. We are beginning to look ahead to the 2022-23 school year, reaching out to some local artists to explore possibilities.

Technology Committee (submitted by Amber Reher)

The tech committee has been thinking a lot about storage of devices as well as maintaining the quality of our devices. The 4/5 classrooms have one device assigned per student. We hope this helps increase the personal responsibility students feel when maintaining and caring for the devices. We are also looking into what leasing devices would look like rather than purchasing them. This year we have purchased a projector system for the kestrel's room and replaced a smartboard (under warranty) in the Robin's.

8 Items for Action

a 2021-22 COVID-19 Safety Protocols Revisions

Moved: Don Findlay

Second: Beth Molitor

Passes: unanimous

b Approve the IRS Form 990 2020 tax return

Moved: Don Findlay

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passes: unanimous

c Scholarship Policy Removal

Moved: Shelly Dickinson

Second: Margit Zsolnay

Passes: unanimous

d School Records for Kindergarten Students Revisions

Moved: Beth Molitor

Second: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah

Passes: unanimous

9. Adjournment 8:16pm

Next board meeting Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 7:00pm