

Prairie Creek Community School
 School Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
 April 28, 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	✓	✓	X	✓		
Don Findlay	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓		
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tim Goodwin	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	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 : Molly would like to recognize the office and the community for their work to bring May Day together. Thank you to the staff and ½ teachers for an amazing honoring night. K/1 team, Colleen and Connie who helped welcome 30 new kindergarten students in the building. Thank you to Dr Hillmann for his annual visit to our school.
- 4 Public Comments Nothing at this time.
- 5 Approve Agenda
 Moved: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah
 Second: Margit Zsolnay
 Passed: unanimous
- 6 Approve Minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting

Moved: Lyndsay Reece

Second: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah

Passed: unanimous Don Findlay and Shelly Dickinson abstained from the vote

7 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Director Report: We continue to be in an optimistic faze of the pandemic. We have had an increase in influenza-like illness in our building. The strategic planning process is underway. The committee will bring a draft strategic plan to the next meeting in May. We have had some guest artists presenting to the children, Helen Forsythe, Gennia Provencher and Andrea Mazzariello. The Environmental club has been busy with the St. Olaf students planning on purchasing a hoophouse. Thank you to Poly-TEX for giving the students a nice discount on the hoophouse. Simon attended the regional directors meeting hosted by the Minnesota Association of Charter schools. Tomorrow, April 29th, is our annual May Day celebration.

b Education Program Committee: We decided on a new all school book club. There is a group of teachers who would like to attend the PEN conference and share about our all school book club. The 5th graders presented their Honors Projects. 3-5 graders are in the process of completing the MCAs. The k/1 and 2/3 are working on their projects. The 4/5 team has taught Puberty Education curriculum to the 4/5 students.

c Finance Committee: Finance committee met tonight. We are looking at a 40% fund balance at the end of this year. The preliminary budget is in your packet tonight. We will have it in the packet next month for a vote of approval. Our development revenue projection for next year will remain at \$60,000. We have had a recent increase in utility cost and that has been adjusted for next year's budget.

d Development Committee: Nothing new at this time

e Nominations Committee: Ballots will go out tomorrow and will be returned to school on May 6.

f Policy Committee: Nothing at this time

g Sub Committee Reports

Technology Committee (submitted by Amber Reher)

The tech committee met on Wednesday April 20th. There has been discussion on a more sustainable plan for the devices that includes how to generate more student responsibility as well as what to do with outdated technology. We decided that we will continue the discussion in future years because with the amount of devices purchased over the last two years we have enough current/functioning devices for

the upcoming school year. We will be wiping the Chromebooks at the end of the school year to try and eliminate any issues and improve device speed.

Arts' Committee (submitted by Amy Haslett-Marroquin)

The Arts Committee has arranged for a few community artists to come share their talents with our school during the past month: Helen Forsythe, Gennia Provencher and Andrea Mazzariello.

We are in the final planning stages for the Artist in Residency program in May with guests from Carleton college under the leadership of Elenor Jenson and Kelly Connole. Children will learn about nature photography and sketching while identifying and drawing plants from our woods and school ground. We are also working on contacting performing arts artists from the MN Arts Board COMPASS list of artists to inquire about availability and costs for next year's residency program.

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

Moved: Don Findlay

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passed: unanimous

9. Adjournment 7:40pm

Next board meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 7:00pm