

Prairie Creek Community School
 School Board Monthly Meeting Agenda
 January 26, 2023 @ 7:00pm
 Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057

- 1 Call to order 7:03pm
- 2 Attendance

2022-2023	Aug 25	Sep 22	Oct 27	Nov 17	Dec 22	Jan 26	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apl 27	May 25	Jun 22
Shelly Dickinson	✓	✓	X	✓	C	✓					
Zaki Haidar	✓	✓	X	✓	A	✓					
Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓					
Tim Goodwin	✓	X	✓	✓	C	✓					
Beth Molitor	✓	X	✓	✓	E	✓					
Nancy Dennis	✓	✓	✓	✓	L	✓					
Lyndsey Reece	✓	✓	✓	X	L	X					
Christine Williams	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓					
Margit Zsolnay	✓	✓	✓	✓	D	✓					
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Keith Johnson- ex officio	X	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Colleen Braucher	✓	✓	✓	X		✓					

- 3 Recognition/Announcements: Simon would like to recognize the work of the arts committee. We have just completed our dance residency. Thank the teachers for their amazing work on conferences and the narratives. The 4/5 team for their work getting ready for Wolf Ridge. Ben Vanorny and Gráinne Beltramo-Dolan, former PCCS students have been selected this year as Presidential Scholar Nominees
- 4 Public Comments: Mike Provanha attended the meeting as a guest today.
- 5 Approve Agenda
 Moved: Shelly Dickinson
 Second: Beth Molitor
 Passed: unanimous
- 6 Approve Minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting
 Moved: Zaki Haidar
 Second: Margit Zsolnay

Passed: unanimous

7 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Director Report

Enrollment and Waiting List for 2022/23

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Enrollment (current)	30	30	29	30	30	30	179
Waiting List (for 22/23)	0	1	0	14	5	0	20

Kindergarten Applications for 2023-2024: 33 (applications in January 2022: 30)

Program Updates

Key program happenings / updates:

- PCCS hosted its first Special Person’s Celebration since 2019 on December 16. Two morning sessions were held to accommodate a big turnout of grandparents and special guests. Megan and Tricia led the children through a performance of songs.
- The K-1 Dove’s shared out theme learning at a “Bird Academy” learning fair
- In January, PCCS engaged in a month-long residency with dancer Karla Nweje. Karla worked with all the children across our K-5 program. Supported by the classroom work of teachers and specialists, the residency made connections with the history of the slavery, the Great Migration and African American artists such as Jacob Lawrence
- Fifth grade students will attend Wolf Ridge ELC Jan 30 - Feb 3

Staffing updates

- Martha Meyer resigned from her part-time After School Care assistant position in December. Kelley Ekstrom has added these part-time ASC hours to her paraprofessional position effective January 2023

Building / Grounds

- No updates

Community Connections / Outreach

- PCCS hosted an Open House for prospective families on Dec 1. The next Open House is February 11
- The student council hosted a Movie Night in December that raised \$350.60 and collected 124 pounds of food in support of the CAC.
- Community Connections hosted a social event at roller rink in Goodhue on Sunday, January 22
- Parent/Student/Teacher winter conferences were held on January 22/23. Teacher shared progress narratives and children shared portfolio work with families
- Simon presented the PCCS Annual Report to the Northfield School Board on January 3. The report was very well received. Dr. Hillmann highlighted the school’s forward-thinking fiscal management and strong fund balance in his comments
- The annual Authorizer Site Visit on Jan 19 was canceled due to the weather. This has been rescheduled for March 6.

Professional Development

- Nurse Connie Menssen conducted CPR training for staff who were due for renewal
- Simon attended the Ratwik school law training day on December 2
- Faculty committees led professional development workshops:
 - Thematic Learning / Arts
 - Peer Coaching
 - Forest School - Resources and Activity Training
 - Habits of Mind

b Education Program Committee: Karla Nweje with Compas Inc. was our artist in residence. Karla was amazing at engaging all of the students. The way she wove history into the dance was remarkable. She put together an informance with the students after seeing them only 4 times. Karla is a very skilled and dynamic artist. Thank you to the board for your continued support of the art’s residencies. The arts committee has been looking at the residency with an equity lens. This residency Karla talked with the children about the great migration and then the teachers continued the conversation in the classroom. The 4/5 team are focusing on honoring projects and Wolf Ridge. The 2/3 are continuing the great migration. The k/1 classes are starting human body study, the ojibwe and the great migration.

c Finance Committee: There have not been many changes from the last couple of months. The utilities have been adjusted once and we may still need to adjust it again. Finance committee took a look at the first preliminary budget.

d Development Committee: Nothing to report

e Nominations Committee: Thank you to the board members for beginning or completing your training. There are 3 board members whose terms will end this year. All three will go on the ballot. There are no other nominations to date. The nomination deadline is February 3, 2023.

f Policy Committee: There are 3 policies that we are reviewing and voting on tonight. All of these policies have been vetted by the school lawyer, Laura Booth.

g Sub Committee Reports: The tech committee purchased 3 new computers and also a projector for the gym. The wellness committee meets next week.

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

Working Agreement Revisions

- Kelley Ekstrom. 2022-2023 Agreement Revised with Addition of Six Hours/ Week as ASC Assistant in addition to paraprofessional role
- Tricia Christopherson. 2022-2023 Agreement Revised with the Addition of Part-Time (0.425FTE) Special Education Teacher in addition to Spanish teacher role.

Leave of Absence Request

Susie Leidner. Requesting discretionary personal leave of absence from her Special Education paraprofessional role. Jan 3 - March 3. Page Nelson was hired as a long term substitute for this leave of absence.

Hourly Pay Scale 2022-2023 Revision

Separate Hourly Rate Added for Media Professional Role (four hours per week).

Media Paraprofessional	Year 1: \$20.00
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	Year 2: Increase \$1.00* Year 3: Increase \$1.00* Year 5: Increase \$1.00* Year 10: Increase \$1.00*
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Prairie Creek will have openings for 30 kindergartners in the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Kelsey Fitschen-Hemmah

Second: Nancy Dennis

Passed: unanimous

b Policy Review and Approval:

- Volunteer Policy

Moved: Tim Goodwin

Second: Shelly Dickinson

Passed: unanimous

- Data Practices Access for Members of the Public

Moved: Nancy Dennis

Second: Beth Molitor

Passed: unanimous

- Harassment and Violence Policy

Moved: Margit Zsolnay

Second: Tim Goodwin

Passed: unanimous

9. Adjournment 7:51pm

Next board meeting Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 7:00pm