

Prairie Creek Community School
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm
Prairie Creek Community School, Northfield MN 55057

- 1 Call to order: 7:06pm
- 2 Attendance

2024-2025	Aug 22	Sep 26	Oct 24	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 23	Feb 27	Mar 20	Apl 24	May 22	Jun 26
Shelly Dickinson	X	✓	X	✓	X						
Kiara Jorgenson	✓	✓	✓	X	✓						
Ryan Kiesel	✓	✓	X	✓	✓						
Beth Molitor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Jess Provancha	X	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Kendra Rasmusson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cale Steinhoff	X	X	✓	✓	X						
Christine Williams	✓	✓	✓	✓	X						
Margit Zsolnay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Simon Tyler-ex officio	✓	X	✓	✓	✓						

3 Recognition/Announcements: Thank you to the Community for the generous support and the Development Committee for all their work to support the Squirrel-a-thon.

4 Public Comments: guest in attendance, no comments

5 Approve Agenda

Moved: Ryan Kiesel

Second: Kiara Jorgenson

Passed: unanimous

6 Approve Minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting

Moved: Ryan Kiesel

Second: Jessica Provancha

Passed: unanimous

7 Items for discussion and/or reports

a Nominations Committee: Three members will complete their term in 2025. Of those, one is a committee member, one is a parent member and the other is a staff member. Also, one training needs to be completed prior to year end and the remaining training complete before the end of June.

b Education Program Committee: Robust programming happening.

Doves - Mapping/geography integrated easily across every instructional area, culminated today!

Nuthatches - Culminating event prep, teaching students how to be a teacher, social skills, how things are made culminating event today!

Chickadees - 1600s culminating event before Thanksgiving, mini winter solstice theme culminating tomorrow.

Cranes - Starting curiosity and wonder workshop, collaborative research project work.

Egrets - Citizenship culmination with Herons, Hemslojd crafts this month, lots of volunteers including Nancy, starting readers' theaters.

Meadowlarks - Citizenship culminating event, starting mini service learning theme, partnering with Prairie's Edge CAC, Ronald McDonald House, Scott Wopata potentially coming in from Northfield CAC.

Kestrels - Community soup theme culmination, energy minitheme "sparked" a lot of joy.

Herons - Silk road, discovering technology, language, numeracy, religion moved from group to group along trade routes. The students found the secret of silk this week in Xi'an, will plan a culminating event for after break.

Robins - Roleplaying through 1700s colonial America, culminate Jan 10, group writing of play (long, no intermissions).

Art - 4/5s are working on painting stools, paper cutouts (Matisse), mapping, blocks.

Spanish - Colors, numbers, parts of the face, big green monster, 2/3s are making silly sentence books, 4/5s making books with regular/present tense verbs.

Music - Starting recorders with 4/5s

Nest - Michele B is amazing, coziness, social skills, literacy, math, welcoming new friends.

Birdhouse - Word walls, sound patterns, social skills, problem solving strategies.

ADSI- Continuing to teach literacy, focusing on progress monitoring.

Stage/Art Room - Math fact fluency, early Fastbridge testing, Cale's Casino and games of chance, literacy/oracy in book sharing, continued phonics instruction.

c Director Report

Enrollment and Waiting List for 2024/25

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Enrollment (current)	30	30	30	30	30	30	180
Waiting List (for 24/25)	37	13	10	13	4	7	84

Kindergarten Applications for 2025-2026: 35

Program Updates

Key program happenings / updates:

- Several culminating events: Chickadees, Nuthatches and Doves K-1 classes have all shared theme studies. The 2-3 students shared their Citizenship Theme with bird buddies. The Kestrels hosted a learning fair and soup share for their Community Theme classroom soup
- Music teacher Olivia and Spanish teacher Tricia guided the children through a music performance for Special Persons' day
- Olivia led an orchestra share for parents during the regular group practice time on December 11

Staffing updates

- No updates

Building / Grounds

- Merger documents received for the finalizing the ABC. The goal is to have this completed prior to this calendar year end.

Community Connections / Outreach

- Squirrel-a-thon / GiveMN day on Thursday, November 21 was a terrific success. As well as exceeding fundraising expectations, the community came together for an evening meal. Three classrooms had to be opened in addition to the gym in order to accommodate all the families!
- Simon attended the Northfield Promise quarterly meeting

Professional Development

- Faculty-led PD has centered on a study related to Gholdy Muhammad's book *Unearthing Joy*. A committee of teachers led a review of past theme studies through the lens of her five pursuits: Identity, Intellect, Skills, Criticality and Joy. The same pursuits were then employed in future theme planning.
- The Special Education team led a paraprofessional training on December
- Simon, the school's District Assessment Coordinator participated in a mandatory training to learn about upcoming changes in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments

d Finance Committee: Year to date financial statement was reviewed. We had a successful Give to the Max campaign. We are getting 4 kinds of aid that are tied to specific spending. Library, student support services, health and some READ Act money.

e Development Committee: We currently have received approximately 64K and are extremely grateful. Conversations about how to proceed with raising funds in the future. Squirrel Jam date is set for May 17th, 2025.

f Policy Committee

i Review and Vote-

103 Complaints- Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
411 Group Health Insurance Coverage

ii First Reads

204 Charter School Board Meeting Minutes
205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
214 Out of State Travel by Charter School Board Members
520 Student Surveys
615 Testing Accommodations, modifications, and exemptions for IEPs,
Section 504 Plans, and LEP Student

g Sub Committee Reports-None at this time

8 Items for Action

a Consent Agenda

Moved: Kiara Jorgenson

Second: Ryan Kiesel

Passed: unanimous

9. Adjournment 8:32pm

Next board meeting January 23, 2025 @ 7:00pm