



Home & School Meeting, October 7, 2025
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER -
 - a. T.C. - 9:03 am
 - b. Attendance - TG, MB, MH, CT, MS, CC, RD, AH, PS
- B. WELCOME
- C. Special Guest: Mr. Marc Willensky, D203 Board Member
 - a. Liaison to Board
 - b. Congrats on Successful Fun Run and Community Involvement
 - c. Encourages parent communication with him
 - d. School board meeting agendas published 48 hours ahead of meetings
 - e. Current agenda items
 - i. Budget
 - ii. School Improvement plans
 - iii. Capital Improvement plans
 - f. Contact Info mwillensky@naperville203.org
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. [DRAFT of H&S Meeting Agenda 9/9/2025](#)
 - b. Approval
 - i. MH
 - ii. CT
- E. PRESIDENT REPORT
 - a. Thank Yous
 - i. 5th Grade Special Projects: Erica Bennett, Kathleen Sather, & Whitney White
 - ii. Art Awareness: Laura DeFalco & Michaela Kent
 - iii. Author Visits: Lonna Hancock & Jennifer Borja
 - iv. Book Fair: Alyssa Connolly & Whitney White
 - v. Coventures: Amy Heitzman & Joy Kleinhans
 - vi. Directory Spot: Michelle Weisseg
 - vii. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
 - viii. Fundraising/Fun Run: Crystal Coon, Megan Hower, Nichole Schulz, Laura Ramey, & Mary Beth O'Connell
 - ix. Health & Safety: Maaria Syed
 - x. Marquee: Leigh Sims & Shari Landeweer
 - xi. Room Parties: Mackenzie Henry & Katie Smreczak
 - xii. Social Media: Donna Heine
 - xiii. Staff Appreciation - Food: Courtney Celani & Mora Escarra

- xiv. Staff Appreciation - Gifts: Christine Cox & Laura Gniadek
- xv. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup, & Allison Kellogg
- b. General H&S Board Updates
 - i. Crosstown Classic - Saturday, October 18
 - 1. Jefferson Junior High School
 - 2. [Registration](#)
 - 3. Two volunteers needed from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 - ii. [Unity Day](#) - October 22nd
 - 1. Anti-bullying day
 - 2. Teachers will be wearing orange
 - iii. [Gift Mart](#)
 - 1. Donations collected in November
 - a. Gifts
 - b. Giftwrap
 - c. Donations go to Compass Church where families in need can shop
 - 2. More information to come
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Fun Run - THANK YOU ALL!
 - ii. Veteran's Day - Tuesday, November 11
 - a. 8:15 reception
 - b. 9:15 assembly
 - 2. Volunteers to help decorate & provide donations for reception
 - 3. Veteran Parents or Grandparents - [RSVP to attend](#)
- d. Upcoming H&S-Sponsored Events
 - i. Prairie Book Fair: Monday, October 6 - Wednesday, October 8
 - ii. Author Visit - Dan Gemeinhart: Wednesday, October 8
 - iii. Coventures - Little Pop's Lisle: Tuesday, October 21
 - iv. Room Parents - Fall Parties: Friday, October 31
 - 1. Halloween parade prior to party with parents invited. More info to follow
- e. Next H&S meeting: Tuesday, November 18 (third Tuesday due to Veteran's Day)
 - i. Guest speaker on Lightspeed and parental controls available for your child's school assigned iPad or Chromebook
- f. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:
 - i. Tia Claffy, prairiehs@gmail.com
Melissa Fox, prairiecopresident@gmail.com
 - ii. Carolyn Buckingham, prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
 - iii. Alicia Klabunde, prairiesecretary@gmail.com
 - iv. Nicole Anderson, prairietreas@gmail.com

F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Week at a Glance
 - i. Technology issues experienced this week impacting delivery of WAG. Additional posting this week on social media and group me
 - ii. Request updates to WAG by Wednesday to be included

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Review current year account reconciliations, P/L reports and transaction detail reports - [September Reports](#)
 - i. Savings Account - \$7,574.74
 - ii. Checking Account - Bank - \$31,809.95; Book - \$27,479.63
 - iii. 99 Pledges - Donations \$35,676 at end of September (before Credit Card Fees)
 - iv. Approval of Reports
 - 1. MH
 - 2. MB
- b. [2025-2026 Budget](#)
- c. Forms
 - i. Deposit form is available in the Prairie office - cash needs 2 signatures
 - ii. Check Request Forms
 - 1. [Printable form](#)
 - 2. [Google form](#)
 - a. Option for reimbursement through zelle is now an option
- d. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- e. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate \(NEW!\)](#)

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - 1. [Staff Favorite Things](#) in Prairie Documents Folder
 - 2. H&S Meeting RSVP trial to expedite security badge printing
 - ii. Thank-yous
 - iii. Attendance raffle - Book Fair Bucks
 - 1. Winner Amy Heitzman

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT (written report ready by Tia, in Mrs. Zallis absence)

- a. [Thank You](#)
 - i. Thank you for organizing such a wonderful Prairie Fest. As always it was a wonderful event and the staff and I were glad to see so many Prairie families in attendance.
 - ii. We had a wonderful Fun Run. Students enjoyed some time outside and had a great time running to raise money for Prairie.
 - iii. 5th Grade Kick Off party was a hit. Students enjoyed breakfast, games and time with friends. Next up Outdoor Education on October 23rd.
- b. [Parent Teacher Conferences](#)
 - i. This Thursday and Friday are parent teacher conferences. There is no school on both Thursday and Friday. Thursday's conferences are 5-8 p.m. Friday's conferences are from 8-12.
- c. [Picture Retakes](#)
 - i. If you have not done so, please view and select your School Portrait for use in the Yearbook and/or Class Picture before Retake Day! ATalk 203 with links was sent out to families on Monday.
 - ii. Retake pictures will be taken on **October 15, 2025**. If you would like a retake, please contact the main office at 630-420-6348 and we will add your student to our retake list.

d. Veterans Day Assembly

- i. This year there will be an all school Veterans Day assembly. Mrs. Peters is working with Ms. Olsen, Ms. Oliver and members of student council to put on this special event. More information will be forthcoming.

e. Lunch and Play

- i. Lunch and Play will be returning. As a reminder this is a time for a parent or guardian to join their child for lunch and recess. We will be sharing more information soon.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Mrs. Callaghan - Book fair gratitude

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Verbal

i. Fun Run

1. \$36,936 raised
2. Employer matches may still come in
3. \$35, 319 netted
4. Costs - a little over \$6000

ii. Sponsorship

1. \$8,000 committed in sponsorships for the year

iii. Jingle Bell Junction

1. Looking for vendors to participate and encouraging parents to reach out if they know of anyone who might be interested. Does not necessarily have to be affiliated with Prairie

iv. Year Book

1. Kids have voted for the cover photo of the yearbook. 5th graders design and 4th and 5th graders vote
2. Opportunity for more volunteers during author visits and classrooms

v. Social

1. February 20th at Cress Creek Country Club
2. Cress Creek

vi. Prairie Fest

1. See written report
2. Success despite being rescheduled for weather
3. Can always use more volunteers especially in bounce house
 - a. Could objectively define bounce house rules next year
4. Vendors were happy

- b. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 6 - Wednesday, October 8: Prairie Book Fair

Tuesday, October 7: Home & School Meeting - MPR (9:00AM)

Thursday, October 9: No School - Institute Day

Thursday, October 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences (5:00PM - 8:30PM)

Friday, October 10: No School - Institute Day
 Friday, October 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences (8:00AM - 12:00PM)
 Monday, October 13: No School - Columbus/Indigenous People Day
 Tuesday, October 14: 4th Grade Lyric Opera Trip - NCC (10:00AM)
 Wednesday, October 15: School Picture Retake Day
 Saturday, October 18: Crosstown Classic @ Jefferson Junior High School
 Monday, October 20: Board of Education Meeting, 7PM
 Tuesday, October 21: Little Pops Lisle Dine-in or Carry-out for Prairie
 Wednesday, October 22: IL School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 Thursday, October 23: 5th Grade Outdoor Ed
 Monday, October 27: Occupational Therapy Day
 Thursday, October 30: Vision & Hearing Screening
 Friday, October 31: Fall Parade (1:25PM); Fall Parties (1:40PM)
 Thursday, November 1: End of First Trimester
 Monday, November 3 - Wednesday, November 7: School Psychologist Awareness Week
 Tuesday, November 11: Veterans Day Assembly, 9AM, MPR
 Thursday, November 13: Vision and Hearing Re-screenings
 Tuesday, November 18: Home & School Meeting, 9AM, MPR
 Wednesday, November 19: SFCEP Multicultural Event, 6PM - 7:30PM, MPR

N. Meeting Adjourned 9:39

- a. A.H
- b. M.H

H&S Committee Reports **Month: October 2025**

Fun Run

I would like to thank all the committee members, H&S Board and volunteers that made the Fun Run day possible. It was no small feat this year but it was a huge success. We raised \$36,986 and get to keep all but the CC fees. I personally received only positive feedback from parents, teachers and staff, and spectator turn-out was great for most grades. Planning for next year will start at the end of this school year in May 2026.

Prairie Fest

Food Trucks: Very successful, good variety, attendees and vendors seemed happy. We added an additional food vendor (Taco Madre) this year to help relieve longer lines and add more variety.

- Billy Bricks
- Joey's Red Hots - \$400 minimum. Have never had trouble meeting it, but if we continue adding trucks, it may become an issue
- Taco Madre - new this year - relieved longer lines and people were complimentary of the

food

- Nick's Ice Cream

Bounce Houses (Rose Party Rentals): We continued to do 3 bounce houses as in previous years. It works very well - can be crowded but it is always difficult to get enough volunteers to manage the children.

Face Painter (GAWI Entertainment): Kids love this! Went from 3 painters to 2 airbrushers as we needed to reschedule Prairie Fest and had to pay 3 of the cost for the rescheduled date. This worked well as airbrushers are faster, but this is usually the longest line and any way to relieve it would be good in the future.

Bach to Rock + Cupcake Walk: Another great station - provides music not only for people participating in the Cupcake Walk but also for the entire event. Kids enjoy having the option of receiving a cupcake or a small prize if they win.

Overall, things went very well. The one main issue is lines can sometimes be long, especially for the face painters. If we can find a way to relieve that line, that would be great. Also, we did not do Gaga Ball this year. I did not hear any complaints about this, but another option for the kids could relieve line pressure, although finding additional volunteers to support this could be difficult.

Yearbook

We received 17 entries for the cover. At the time of meeting, the classes should be voting. We will soon be gathering the kinder self portraits.

Jingle Bell Junction

Save the Date, Saturday December 6th from 9am - 12pm. Now accepting Vendors for the event.