

Prairie View Middle School Community Organization Inc.
400 North Thompson Road, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

BOARD MEETING January 21, 2026 6:30 P.M via GoogleMeet

I. Call to Order & Welcome at 6:31pm- Jason Dean

- Attendees: Michelle Jensen (Principal), Rick Hudson (Counselor), Morgan Kjaic (Counselor), Timothy Herman (Teacher), Melissa Grayson (School Board member), Jhansy Kollapudi (treasurer), Jason Dean (president), Emilie Dickson (secretary), Amanda Dean (parent), Nada Abdallah (parent), Ashley Leccesi (parent), Tess Winheimer (parent)

II. Approval of the board minutes from the previous meeting (November 19, 2025) - Emilie Dickson

- Added full November SPASCO report, provided by Jason & Amanda Dean following the meeting

III. [December Financial report](#) - Jhansy Kollapudi

- Started at a little less than \$4K and there wasn't a lot of movement, we brought
- Last year we had more PayPal donations, we can do a bit more to advertise. Michelle will include link in weekly emails.
- \$100 from Rossati's check is in the mailbox
- Emilie said would love to move away from cover charge for socials, wondered if fundraisers would be possible. Michelle: fundraisers are also tough from an equity lens - about half of our families qualify for free/reduced lunch

IV. Donations - Jhansy Kollapudi

- a. Paypal @Prairieviewsco
 - b. Box Tops
 - c. Market Day
- Do not include Market Day anymore

V. School Board Remarks – Melissa Grayson

- Starting the superintendent search - will have search firm interviews next week. There will be a number of community surveys, we are invited to be as involved as we want/can be.

VI. Principal remarks – Michelle Jensen

a. General Updates

- Piloting boy's volleyball this winter.
- The musical was amazing!
- Planning for Feb 25 Black History month assembly
- Conferences
 - Teacher conferences are at the end of February. We usually do Guimo's catering either in Feb or for end of year teacher appreciation. They are easy to work with as they're "Prairie View family". We need to get a quote. Note: last year we had Guimo's for the teacher appreciation lunch and had a lot extra.
 - Idea: Olive Garden buckets of soup plus breadsticks

- Idea: Arby's roast beef sandwiches.
- We feed about 60 people for conferences.
- Teacher appreciation raffle idea
 - Student leadership team wants to do raffles for teachers with gift cards as prizes. Would SCO partner with them to get gift card donations for the staff? Yes, in the past SCO has helped. We supplement with whatever is donated. There is a Signup Genius already created where folks can sign up to donate gift cards.
 - Chick Fil A is good about donating gift cards
 - Staff appreciation meal - we feed about 100

b. 2026-2027 Course Access Q&A with Prairie View Counselors

- How can parents review the courses? – See the paper copy that students have, also check out Infinite campus.
- How to get into AVID? – It is partly a staff recommendation and partly student request. All students need to interview. Committee chooses.
- If someone is currently in AVID, they are automatically in it the following year and into high school, correct? Yes.
- Noticed that 8th grade has electives every day, for one semester only. Is this new? This is not a change - 6th and 7th grades have electives every other day, 8th grade has electives every day.
- Math - there is no choice in Middle School anymore. Students need to double up in HS if they want to advance to AP calc senior year. Go to HS math department section of West's course guide.

VII. Share Nights update - Tess and/or Becky

- a. Burrachos Share Night February 11
 - Tess is going to reach out to Culver's to schedule.
 - Ashley L. suggested Sugar River.

VIII. SPASCO: Sun Prairie Area School and Community Organization Update - Amanda Dean

- Principals are coming to next week's SPASCO meeting. Nov meeting was sparsely attended. Main topic was fundraising for June fundraiser. A lot of SCO members don't feel connected to SPASCO. All SCOs are invited to February meeting. We still need to have our Feb 18 meeting but we can try to also attend the SPASCO meeting. Feb 25th at 6:00pm at Central Heights.

IX. New business

- a. SCO website / outreach - Emilie Dickson
 - Emilie proposes that we post meeting minutes to website. Michelle suggested one running Google doc link that we add to at the top.

X. Announcements or Questions

- None

XI. Meeting adjournment 8:00pm - Jason Dean

Please join us for the next meeting on **February 18, 2026, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEETING November 19, 2025 6:30 P.M via GoogleMeet

I. Call to Order & Welcome - Jason Dean

II. Approval of the board minutes from the previous meeting (October 15, 2025) - Emilie Dickson

- Financial Report, second bullet: added the word “approximately” at the beginning of the sentence.

III. Financial report - Jhansy Kollapudi

- We started at approximately \$3,685. We took in quite a bit for the socials and after paying for all the October expenses we are now at approximately \$4,067.
- We have no more expenses anticipated this calendar year.
- Ashley asked, elementary schools bylaws require a minimum amount in account. Jason answered that our structure is not the same.

IV. Donations - Jhansy Kollapudi

- a. Paypal @Prairieviewsco - Approximately \$57
- b. Box Tops - Box top Metro gift card received this month (November). \$36.80 This was from June.
- c. Market Day - Michelle is going to check with a mom to see if she is still using it. You can order from it and give proceeds to SCO.

V. School Board Remarks – Melissa Grayson

- Starting to look into stop gap measures for Prairie View given increase in numbers. Looking at boundaries over the next couple of years. Will be looking for community input. Will be an intensive community involvement.
- Portrait of a Graduate: when a kid graduates from SP, these are the skills/competencies we are looking for above and beyond academics. Will be looking for community involvement, especially from those who haven't been involved in giving feedback. An email will come to families in the next month or two with more information and an application to fill out if you're interested in participating.

VI. Principal remarks – Michelle Jensen

- Thanks to SCO for help with student conferences. Student leadership team also helped pass out food.
- Had amazing veterans day assemblies last week. 7-8 in one, then 6th separately. Mr. Braun shared about teamwork. A PV alum who is a veteran also came. Several students spoke. Very proud of how the kids acted.
- Course registration for next year will start being disseminated in December, right before winter break, with registration happening in January.
- Craig Brandl: 25th year at PV. AVID elective teacher. Use AVID planner and soft skills to help kids grow. Looks at data 7-11 grade. Note taking and summarizing important skills school wide.
- Ashley question: how are kids picked for AVID cohort? Answer: literacy and math scores, factor in teacher input. Looking for those in the academic middle. How much home support is a big factor.
- Cohort size: 50 kids in 7th grade and 50 in 8th grade.

- The binders and planners that all students have are AVID supplied. Enables students to backward plan and add in clubs and other activities onto their daily schedule. Also try to incorporate in AVID teacher strategies across classrooms.
- Emilie offered that she's seen the value of AVID in her day job reading college applications.

VII. Share Nights update - Tess and/or Becky

- Jason emailed with Tess, they have a couple set up. Jason will follow up with more information for the newsletter.
 - Rosati's December 11
 - Burracho's February 11
- Noodles night last week. Michelle is the contact person, let us know when she hears from them. Sounds like they will send to the school.
- Ashley suggested scheduling a night with Sugar River. That is on their list.

VIII. SPASCO: Sun Prairie Area School and Community Organization Update - Jason Dean

- District Update: Genny King attended the meeting and shared resources and opportunities for families as we kick off Indigenous and Native American Heritage People's Month. If we want to include acknowledgements in any of our communications or at events, she shared some templates (e.g. land acknowledgements). She has a lot of other resources available too.
- Volunteers are needed to help with various subcommittees related to planning and executing the inaugural district-wide fundraiser happening in June (Race Through The Prairie). Is anyone interested? These are the subcommittees:
 - DAY OF Program & Activities
 - Volunteer Activities
 - Safety & Emergency Planning
 - Sponsorship & Outreach
 - Peer to Peer Team Fundraising
 - On-Site Giving (50/50 raffle, etc)
 - Communications
- 3. Discussed the roles and responsibilities of SCOs and any barriers they may be encountering. Also discussed a framework for what responsibilities lie with the SCOs, vs the schools, vs the district - more clarity will be needed here.

IX. New business

1. 7th Grade Social recap
 - a. Supplies: Emilie observed that Gatorade is not popular - buy more soda less gatorade next time. Also don't buy bottled water.
 - b. Observed that it was a surprise how closely we cut supplies for 7th grade - it's a larger class. In the spring 8th grade will be the final social and it's a smaller class
 - c. Bingo prizes were purchased but not distributed
 - d. Double check the athletics schedule before solidify the social dates in the fall.
 - e. Michelle looked at schedule already to double check spring athletics schedule.
2. Fall Caregiver Teacher Conference recap
 - a.
3. Teacher Holiday Needs

- a. Last year SCO did care packages for teachers. Electric pencil sharpeners, pencils, expo markers.
- b. Michelle and Colleen are doing something for the teachers next week, she will ask around
- c. There's also the Amazon wish list that we could contribute to

X. Announcements or Questions

- No December meeting! Please join us for the next meeting on **January 21, 2026, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

XI. Meeting adjournment - Jason Dean

BOARD MEETING October 15, 2025 6:30 P.M via GoogleMeet

I. Call to Order 6:57pm

II. Welcome

- In attendance: Jason Dean, Jhansy Kollapudi, Emilie Dickson, Ashley Leccasi, Amanda Dean, Michelle Jensen

III. Approval of the board minutes from the previous meeting (September 17, 2025) - Secretary

- Many thanks to Amanda for taking September's meeting minutes!

IV. Financial report - Treasurer

- One \$20 misc contribution by mobile deposit in September
- Approximately \$3,685 account balance at of end of September
- October is a busy month so there will be more to report next month

V. School Board Remarks – Melissa Grayson

- N/A - Melissa was not able to join tonight

VI. Share Nights update - Tess and/or Becky

- Noodles & Co. share night is November 12th, we will advertise on Facebook.
- Have not heard from Tess and Becky about other share nights, Jason will check in.

VII. 2025-2026 Vacant Board Member Position (VP)

- We will not seek to fill the position.

VIII. New business

a) Recap Fun Run

- Water was spot on. A lot of bananas left over - 2 cases. Drop down by one case next year - not two because incoming 6th grade will be larger. The wrist bands were annoying but it helped slow things down. In past years kids really mobbed the water/banana station. Maybe next year have several volunteers with scissors cutting wrist bands then several handing out the water and bananas.
- Having three separate runs was a lot of work but went really smoothly. Set the kids up for success.

b) Recap 8th & 6th Grade Socials

- Hiccup with pizzas due to Little Caesars closure for the 8th grade social, but everything went smoothly. Directions for 6th graders will be added to weekly school email next year to help families and students better understand the event.

c) 7th Grade Social Preparation

- Anticipating good attendance. Cross country team has a meet at that time though. We have list of kids who have a coupon for treats, will grant them the treat even if they've lost their coupon.

d) Caregiver Teacher Conference Preparation

- Pizza from Glass Nickel for Thursday night. 60 staff anticipated. Jason estimating 20 pizzas will give everyone 3 slides each. Michelle concurs. We'll also use leftovers from the socials.

- Suggestion to do potluck style in the future. October is such a busy month it feels like a heavy lift to coordinate. We get some monetary donations as well.
- Pizza types - cheese, pepperoni, deluxe, veggie

e) SPASCO: Sun Prairie Area School and Community Organization Update - Amanda Dean & Ashley Leccasi

- Amanda reports that SPASCO is a new SCO for the district. The focus is on elementary schools, sharing funding, building unity across the schools. Going to have their first fund raiser this spring. Kurt, SPED technology person, spoke with SPASCO about engaging families and the community. Suggested a book study that would review technology and kids. Interested in having a dialog with the community about how kids use technology in the school.
- Michelle reports that she and many at PV and Central Heights recently read The Anxious Generation book. Talks about how children actually are addicted to technology because as their brain develops technology is a constant and their brain becomes dependent on the technology. She recommends listening to/reading the book.
- Amanda reports that parents at the SPASCO meeting asked for tips on how to navigate technology with their children
- Emilie suggested that the SCO could host a discussion with Kurt
- Ashley reports that SPASCO's first fundraiser will be Race through the Prairie happening June 20. They are looking for corporate sponsors. Michelle offered to circulate the call for sponsors in the weekly newsletter

IX. Principal remarks – Michelle Jensen

- On behalf of Melissa Grayson - she has started to meet with the District folks about boundaries. We will be adding more kids next year. Michelle is able to add staff when she needs it - the District is responsive.
- We have some really positive things going with our curriculum teams. Instructional coach and Michelle have more space to work with teachers.
- Behavioral referrals are down 65% from last year. There are always things they are working through but behavior has improved.
- Emilie asked if Michelle could point to factors that have contributed to the improvement. Michelle described a lot of amazing processes and techniques they've put in place over the last couple of years:
 - Using reflection sheets with staff.
 - Expanded support team including restorative justice person, school psychologist, two social workers. Are able to be more places and work on emergent issues before they become big issues.
 - SP30 time at the beginning of the day with student services staff available to pull kids.
 - Hall traffic flow: route kids in different areas so they aren't crossing each other as often in the hall.
 - Also helps to have very little new staff this year.
 - Most staff are circle keepers so they have the training and don't need to call restorative justice person.
 - House leader teams are tracking student attendance, have created nine different administrative centers that feed into Michelle and Colleen (Assistant Principle)'s briefings.

October

Date	Time	Description	Information	Links
16	3:35 -4:40pm	7th Grade Social		https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AAA62AA7FEC43-57127428-2023
23 & 24		Caregiver Teacher Conference Meals		https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AAA62AA7FEC43-57127427-2025

November

Date	Time	Description	Information	Links
12		Noodles & Company Share Night	Prairie Lakes location. Online orders use GIVING25 coupon code	
19	6:30 - 7:30pm	SCO Meeting		

X. Donations

- a. Paypal @Prairieviewsco
 - We've gotten some paypal donations for the socials - looking to get more for the conferences
- b. Box Tops
 - Debbie deposited some box top money into the PV account and is transferring it to our account. Michelle will follow up with her.
- c. Market Day

X. Announcements or Questions

- Jason asked if Michelle would add the Nov 12 share night to the newsletter and she confirmed that she would.
- Ashley asked about open enrollment process and Michelle gave a summary of the factors the district considers. Said next year is going to be tough given large 6th grade but the following year will be smaller.

XI. Meeting adjournment - 7:43pm

Please join us for the next meeting on **November 19, 2025, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEETING September 17, 2025 6:30 P.M via GoogleMeet

I. Call to Order 6:35pm

II. Welcome

- Attendees: Jason Dean, Amanda Dean, Jhansy Kollapudi, Michelle Jensen, Melissa Grayson

III. Approval of the board minutes from the previous meeting (May 21, 2025) – Secretary (Amanda Dean filled in this time)

- Vote passed
- To get things added to the SCO page on the Prairie View website, the Board (usually the SCO Secretary) works with Cecelia Mitchell.

IV. Financial report – Treasurer

- Current bank balance is about \$3,600 right now. There hasn't been a lot of activity recently, but a corporate matching gift was received.
- No changes were made to the budget this year compared to last year.

V. School Board Remarks – Melissa Grayson, Prairie View's school board liaison

- On September 22nd there will be an initial informational discussion about boundaries and busing. It's the very beginning of the process and they'll be focusing on schools that are close to capacity. Everyone is welcome to join and participate in the discussion.
- The QBE property sold and all of it will be developed into housing, businesses, etc. Those students would be Prairie View students with the current boundaries.

VI. Community Schools – TBD

- Prairie View and the other Sun Prairie middle schools are not Community Schools this year. This item will be removed from the agenda for the rest of this school year. They're using this year to reset, to look at what did or didn't work well, and to decide how to proceed next school year. The schools still have the relationships and resource connections from previous years and they're continuing to leverage those to help families.

VII. Principal remarks – Michelle Jensen

- "Spotlights" (guest speaker) ideas for SCO meetings this year: 1) social media and technology, 2) registration and enrollment (January), 3) strategies for students to plan, organize, etc. (AVID strategies, etc.) (November?), 4) student services support (social emotional learning, therapy dog, bullying prevention, etc.). Let Michelle know if anyone has other ideas for topics for this

year.

- Fall Socials are happening in October. Michelle will share the volunteer SignUp Genius links in her weekly e-mails. Prairie View hands out Falcon Feathers for positive behavior. This year, students are going to be able to turn them in for merchandise/items at “The Perch” (a newly created place to use the Falcon Feathers). It was decided that one of the choices would be to turn in Falcon Feathers in exchange for tickets to use at the Social.
- Fun Run Times: 9:00am 7th grade; 1:00pm 6th grade; 2:15pm 8th grade. Each time slot will start with an assembly in the gym and then head outside. Every student will have 2 wrist bands to turn in to get water and a banana after the run. Jason will send Michelle the volunteer SignUp Genius link and she’ll include it in the weekly e-mails. Families are welcome to participate in the run. They can attend the assembly as well. The SCO will help with the cost of bananas and water again. Jason filled out donation requests with Kwik Trip that may help as well. If we don’t hear back about the request in time for the run, we’ll use any donation received towards other events this year. There are 730 students. Last year we had a lot of bananas left over, so we’ll get one less case this year.
- Change in drop off lane this year: Buses and families swapped where they are dropping off and picking up students. It’s not perfect, but things have settled in and the line is moving really well in the morning! Afternoons are different since students come out at different times, but it’s going well overall and is greatly reducing traffic backups on Thompson Rd.

VIII. New business

a) Board Member Vote for 2025-2026

i) VP

- Position is still open for this year. It’s not mandatory to have one, but if someone is interested, we’d like to have one.

b) Share Nights?

- i) Tess & Becky will be working on the Share Nights together this year. They’re looking at Liv’s, Burracho’s, and possibly Thrill Factory. The staff Culver’s Share Night is in October; should get the SCO Culver’s Share Night scheduled soon, since Culver’s usually likes to schedule many months in advance.

October

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8	3:35-4:40	8th Grade Social	Signup Genius
9	3:35 - 4:40	6th Grade Social	Signup Genius
15	6:30	SCO Meeting	

16	3:35 - 4:40	7th Grade Social	Signup Genius
23/ 24		Caregiver Teacher Conference Meals	Signup Genius

i) Will update the table above for the fall conference meal dates. They are October 23rd and 24th. Jason will send the SignUp Genius to Michelle.

IX. Donations

- a. Paypal @Prairieviewsco
- b. Box Tops
- c. Market Day

X. Announcements or Questions

XI. Meeting adjournment 7:20pm

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