



Home & School Meeting, January 13, 2026
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER
9:00 am

B. WELCOME
a. Dropoff video

C. Special Guest: Neil Desmond, School Resource Office
a. 3rd year as SRO
b. Covers all Elementary
c. 3rd year of 4 year rotation
d. Will visit 5th graders next month for social media and internet safety
e. Encourages families to reach out with questions
f. More visibility in Jr and Sr. high and more on "on call" basis at the elementary and more of an education type conversation with elementary school kids
g. Contact ndesmond@naperville203.org or 630-848-3991

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. [DRAFT of H&S Meeting Minutes 12/9/2025](#)
i. Approved
1. M.H.
2. C.H.

E. PRESIDENT REPORT
a. Thank Yous
i. Adult Social: Ryan Doornbos, Alissa Dunham, Donna Heine, Toral Shah, & Elaine Wendorf
ii. Family Connections: Kasey Gilliam
iii. Health & Safety (video): Sharon & Stu Hong
iv. Marquee: Leigh Sims, Shari Landeweer, Laura Ramey, & Joe Papuga
v. Prairie Partners: Julie Belloli & Jillian McGrath
vi. Room Parents: Mackenzie Henry & Katie Smreczak
vii. SFCP: Bridget Gryna, Trisha Matthews, & Mary Wright
viii. Social Media: Donna Heine
ix. Staff Appreciation - Food: Courtney Celani & Mora Escarra
x. Staff Appreciation - Gifts: Christine Cox & Laura Gniadek
xi. Staff Gift Cards: Christal Bagel, Audrey Pollard, & Molly Simnick
xii. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup, & Allison Kellogg
b. General H&S Board Updates
i. Need bus drivers

- ii. Look for District Talk203 on upcoming tech talks held via Zoom (all at 6PM)
 - 1. 2/11 - AI
 - 2. 3/19 - Screentime/ Digital Wellness
 - 3. 4/23 - Online Safety
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Adult Social on Friday, 2/20
 - 1. Get your tickets now
 - ii. Art Awareness
 - 1. Updates for next year
 - a. Only going to be offered in K-3rd
 - b. Some lessons are being revamped or replaced
 - iii. 5th Grade Special Projects
 - 1. Send in your photos for the slideshow
 - iv. Prairie Pavers
 - 1. Orders close on Friday, 1/31
 - a. Plans for powerwashing in the future
 - v. Room Parties
 - 1. Kindergarten piloting new plan using party kits for Winter and Valentine's Day parties
 - 2. Hope to roll out in all other grades next school year
 - a. If you want to help plan the party kits, please let us know!
 - vi. SFCP
 - 1. Coming Soon! All School Read: Odder
 - a. Every child will be provided a book
 - i. Younger children picture book
 - ii. Older children chapter book
 - vii. Yearbook
 - 1. Orders close on Wednesday, 1/21
- d. Upcoming H&S-Sponsored Events
 - i. Committee Chair Meeting Thursday, 1/29 at 1:20PM
 - ii. [Storm Science](#) Assembly Tuesday, 2/3
- e. Next H&S meeting: Tuesday, 2/10, 9AM
 - i. Mr. Lou Cammiso, Director of Safety
- f. Contact the board with any questions or suggestions:
 - i. Tia Claffy, prairiehs@gmail.com
 - ii. Melissa Fox, prairiecopresident@gmail.com
 - iii. Carolyn Buckingham, prairieschoolvp@gmail.com
 - iv. Alicia Klabunde, prairiesecretary@gmail.com
 - iv. Nicole Anderson, prairietreas@gmail.com

F. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. WAAG
 - i. Information for submission due Wednesday
- b. Nominations for Exec Board
 - i. Open Positions for Next Year
 - 1. Co-President
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Treasurer

- ii. Nominations due by Monday, 1/19

- 1. [Nomination Ballot](#)

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Account Balances
 - i. Savings - \$7,574.92
 - ii. Checking - Bank - \$57,349.32; Book - \$57,221.21
 - 1. Approval
 - a. CT
 - b. WW
- b. Monthly Reports - [December](#)
- c. [2025-2026 Budget](#)
- d. Forms
 - i. Deposit form is available in the Prairie office - cash needs 2 signatures
 - ii. Check Request Forms
 - 1. [Printable form](#)
 - 2. [Google form](#)
- e. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- f. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate](#)

H. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Correspondence
 - i. Staff
 - 1. [Staff Favorite Things](#)
 - 2. H&S Meeting RSVP continues to expedite name badge printing
 - ii. Thank-yous
- b. Attendance raffle - Starbuck's Gift Card
 - i. Winner - Michaela Kent

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Open House
 - i. Prairie School is excited to host our annual Open House on Thursday, January 29th.
 - 1. 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Early Art Show Viewing: We invite families for an early look at *A Walk Through Art History* in the Art Room! Please enter through Door 14 for this preview. Once families have concluded their early viewing, they will exit through Door 11B.
 - a. *Note: As teachers will be finalizing preparations for the evening, families will not be able to remain in the building between the preview and the start of Open House. The rest of the school will open promptly at 6:00 PM.*
 - 2. 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Open House & Classroom Visits: Families may visit classrooms at any time during this hour.
- b. [Incoming Kindergartners](#)
 - i. Kindergarten Preview will be held on Monday, March 16th. This is an opportunity for incoming kindergarten students and their parents to visit Prairie and hear a bit about our kindergarten program. As a reminder, on this day, there is **NO SCHOOL** for our current kindergarten students.

- ii. Kindergarten enrollment starts February 1, 2026.
- c. Health Office Reminders
 - i. All absences, including extended vacations, are to be communicated to the health office. We are continuing to have issues with the health office not being made aware of student absences. While it is fine to share this with the classroom teacher, do not forget to include the health office on any such communications.
- d. Dressing for Recess
 - i. Winter Attire - Do not forget to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless there is rain or the wind chill is below zero, we do head outside for recess. To play in the snow, students need to be wearing snow boots, snow pants, hat and gloves.

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Prairie staff is so grateful for all H&S does! Thank you for the time put into organizing, purchasing and disbursing Prairie Staff Gift Cards! We also loved our coffee, donuts and snacks the week leading up to winter break. We know that December is very busy for everyone so we are appreciative of all your efforts!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Verbal
 - i. Adult Social
 - 1. Baskets coming back to Adult Social
 - a. In school donation days at end of January
 - b. Donate whatever you're comfortable with (favorite product, place to eat, gift cards, monetary amount to family comfort level)
 - c. Will be auctioned off at Adult social to raise money for Prairie
- b. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, January 19: NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr. Day
- Tuesday, January 20: Board of Ed Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, January 21: Last Day to Order Your Yearbook
- Monday, January 26: Kane County Cougar Reading Challenge Begins
- Thursday, January 29: Committee Chair Meeting, 1:20PM
- Thursday, January 29: Open House
- Saturday, January 31: Prairie Paver Orders Close
- Tuesday, February 3: Storm Science Assembly
- Tuesday, February 10: Home & School Meeting, 9AM
- Monday, February 16: NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
- Friday, February 20: Adult Social at Cress Creek Country Club
- Friday, February 27: NO SCHOOL, County Institute Day

Motion to adjourn at 9:55AM CT

H&S Committee Reports

Month: January 2026

Yearbook: The deadline to order yearbooks is Wednesday, January 21st. Please see 1/11 WAAG for the ordering link. If you aren't sure if you ordered already, a link to check is also included in the WAAG.