



Home & School Meeting, February 10, 2026
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Time: 9:00

B. WELCOME

C. Special Guest: Mr. Lou Cammiso, D203 Director of Safety & Security

- a. Crisis Alert System - panic button worn with ID which triggers position of safety - Immediate notification of staff/administration/law enforcement
 - i. Emergency Procedures Stickers hang throughout the school - color coordinated and lights throughout the school light up according to the appropriate color
 - 1. Position of Safety (RED) - There is an active threat
 - 2. Hold in Place (Purple) - There is a need to restrict movement
 - 3. Secure Building Mode (Blue) - Inside building is safer than out
 - 4. Evacuate (Green) - Outside building is safer than inside
 - 5. Severe Weather (Yellow) - Take shelter within designated areas
 - 6. All Clear
- b. ALICE supplies bag with training provided
- c. What is ALICE?
 - i. Alert
 - 1. Initial awareness that there is an event going on
 - ii. Lockdown (position of safety)
 - 1. Not just locking your door. Also baracading. Items in ALICE response drill available to assist in barricading.
 - iii. Inform
 - 1. With plain language can formulate appropriate responses
 - iv. Countering
 - 1. Distracting the intruder - often with distraction devices
 - 2. Control the distraction - often best used with younger students
 - v. Evacuate
 - 1. Leave all belongings behind and get out of the building, if safe to do so
 - a. Not recommended to evacuate based on an Alert only
 - 2. Rally points - if you do evacuated, every building should have 2 rally points or a different position of safety
- d. ALICE is a response strategy, but we have so much in place already for prevention
- e. Communication to the families during an incident
 - i. Importance to get accurate information out to families as soon as possible
 - 1. School works with District Office to get info out

2. Depending on the situation, information may be limited to respect privacy of involved individuals or investigation
- f. Playground safety
 - i. Protocols reviewed with playground supervisors and students
 - ii. Speakers and lights are also outside of the building for efficient communication
- g. Further Questions - please reach out via email LCammiso@Naperville203.org

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [Draft of H&S Meeting Minutes 1/13/26](#)
 - i. MH
 - ii. MK

E. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Thank Yous
 - i. Adult Social: Ryan Doornbos, Alissa Dunham, Donna Heine, Toral Shah, & Elaine Wendorf
 - ii. Art from the Heart: Rebecca Bailey, Maggie Rubin & Kat Stark
 - iii. Assemblies: Nichole Schulz & Matt Wilhelm
 - iv. Birthday Books: Sarah Daniluk & Kat Stark
 - v. Marquee: Laura Ramey, & Joe Papuga
 - vi. Parent Safety Patrol: Karin Barden & Laura DeFalco
 - vii. Prairie Partners: Julie Belloli & Jillian McGrath
 - viii. Prairie Pavers: Kristin Turnbull
 - ix. SFCP: Bridget Gryna, Trisha Matthews, & Mary Wright
 - x. Social Media: Donna Heine
 - xi. Staff Appreciation - Food: Courtney Celani & Mora Escarra
 - xii. Staff Appreciation - Gifts: Christine Cox & Laura Gniadek
 - xiii. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup, & Allison Kellogg
- b. General H&S Board Updates
 1. [Spring 2026 Parent Tech Series](#)
 - a. First is 2/11 - Understanding AI in Education - [register now](#)
 2. 5 Essentials Survey
 - a. [LINK](#)
 - b. Please complete - need 20% of families to participate
 3. Fall 2026 Kindergarten
 - a. [Registration is open](#)
 - b. Preview is 3/16 - no school for current kinders
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Fun Run
 1. Looking to build a committee
 - ii. Parent Safety Patrol
 1. Want to help? Sign up [here](#).
- d. Upcoming H&S-Sponsored Events
 - i. Valentine's Parties
 1. Friday, 2/13, 1:30PM
 - ii. Adult Social
 1. Friday, 2/20, 7:30-10:30PM

- e. Next H&S meeting: Tuesday, 3/10, 9AM
 - i. Naperville Education Foundation, Executive Director, Wendy Goettsch
- 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. WAAG
 - i. Wednesday deadline for WAAG entries
 - ii. Please look over draft WAAG for any changes
- b. 26-27 Exec Board
 - i. The process for electing a new co-president, vice president, and treasurer are in motion.
 - ii. Slate ballot will be sent out by February 24th

G. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Account Balances
 - i. Savings - \$7,574.98
 - ii. Checking - Bank - \$61,582.58; Book - \$54,683.61
 - iii. Cheddar Up Balance (as of 2/4/26) - \$540
 - iv. Paypal Balance (as of 1/31/26) - \$408.69
 - v. Co-ventures/Family Connections - \$486.25
 - 1. Regal - \$232.11
 - 2. Portillo's - \$254.14
- b. Monthly Reports - [January](#)
 - i. Approval
 - 1. DH
 - 2. CT
- 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](#)
 - a. Recently shared with Mrs. Callaghan who has once again shared with staff and new updates have been added
 - 2. H&S Meeting RSVP continues to expedite name badge printing
 - ii. Thank-yous

- b. Attendance raffle - Dunkin Doughnuts Gift Card Dennis Johnson

I. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. No School
 - i. As a reminder, there is no school on Feb 16 and Feb 27
- b. Candor Puberty Presentation
 - i. This program has been moved from 5th grade to 4th grade. Information for parents will be going out via Talk 203 on 2/9/26 (yesterday) This presentation will take place on Thursday, April 16th in the fourth-grade classrooms. Boys and girls will have separate presentations. Parents wishing to opt out must contact the health office on or before April 10th.
- c. Open House
 - i. A big thank you to all our families that attended Open House and the art show. Also, thank you Home and School for the staff dinner prior to Open House.
- d. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - i. Naperville 203 will soon begin scheduling spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, which will be held virtually, via Zoom, on Thursday, March 5, from 5-8:30 p.m., and on Friday, March 6, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. All Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place via Zoom. The portal for registration opens Thursday, Feb.12, and closes Thursday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.
- e. 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 started February 1, 2026.
- f. Parent Input for 26-27
 - i. The Prairie staff welcomes any insight you wish to share about your child's strengths, needs, and learning style as we plan classes for the 26-27 school year. If you are interested in offering input during this class placement process, a google form will go out via Talk 203 on March 1st and will be due on or before Friday, March 14th. This form will not take submissions after this date.

J. D203 BOARD MEMBER, MARC WILLENSKY, REPORT

- a. Budget
 - i. \$12.5 Million gap
- b. School Fees
 - i. Elementary school \$4 increase is being recommended
- c. Calendar
 - i. No changes from previously discussed calendar

K. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Mrs. Callaghan - We are very thankful for the pizza, salad, treats and beverages for Open House. It was so nice to not have to worry about dinner before spending our evening with Prairie Families. We hope everyone enjoyed their time seeing their children's classrooms and work as well as the amazing Art Show.

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Verbal
 - i. Sponsorship (Megan Hower)
 - 1. Looking for assistance - see written report below
 - ii. Adult Social (Donna Heine)
 - 1. Suggests Fun Run, Adult Social and Sponsorship should all be under one umbrella
 - 2. Historically, Adult Social has been more of a social event versus fundraiser (Mr. Zallis)
 - iii. Garden (Dennis Johnson) - see written report below
 - 1. Rebuilt infrastructure
 - 2. Survey done with kids
 - a. Planting apple trees
 - b. Adding strawberries
 - 3. Kids will have individual fabric bag to start their own individual garden
 - 4. Double attendance from the fall
 - 5. Appreciative of the funding from H&S and the volunteers
 - 6. Always looking for more volunteers
- b. Written reports attached.

M. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Vote to Approve Additional Funding for Field Trips
 - i. Request for Kindergarten to have inschool field trip with Dupage Children's Museum
 - 1. Request for approval of \$1400
 - a. All in attendance in favor - no opposition
- b. Vote to Approve Funding for Pieno Coffee for Staff
 - i. Coffee Cart to come for our staff Wednesday before spring break. Two hours 7:30 - 9:30.
 - 1. Request for \$850 for beverages and cannolis
 - a. All in attendance in favor - no opposition

N. UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday, February 10: Home & School Meeting, 9AM
- Monday, February 16: NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 17: End of Second Trimester
- Friday, February 20: Adult Social at Cress Creek Country Club
- Friday, February 27: NO SCHOOL - County Institute Day
- Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 6: National School Social Worker Week
- Monday, March 2 - Wednesday, March 4: Book Fair
- Monday, March 2: Report Cards Accessible Online
- Thursday, March 5: NO SCHOOL - Institute Day
- Thursday, March 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00PM - 8:30PM)
- Friday, March 6: NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:00AM - 12:00PM)
- Tuesday, March 10: Home and School Meeting - MPR (9:00AM)
- Monday, March 16: Kindergarten Preview (No School for Current Kindergarteners)
- Tuesday, March 17: E-LEARNING DAY - Election Day
- Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Adjourned: 10:27am

H&S Committee Reports

Month: February 2026

- **Garden Club**
 - We have enough parent and teacher support to hold two 45 min sessions each week. Students/parents choose which day to attend that works best with their schedule and both will be directly after school. This will hopefully make pickup easier and get more kids involved. Our new garden beds look great (and function well too!). We'll be opening the garden the Saturday BEFORE spring break, more to come on that. We'll be planting a semi-dwarf apple tree in our space as well during the year, as well as we're set to grow some strawberries - more fruit , more deliciousness!
- **SFCP**
 - We are very excited for our next school wide event through SFCP!! Shortly after spring break, we will be rolling out "Our book one school" event! Half of the books have arrived and we are waiting for the remainder. This year we are thrilled to have a picture book for K-2 and a chapter book for grades 3-5. More details and clear plans will come out soon, but we wanted to share some preliminary information. We also wanted to mention that SFCP is doing another parent night in regards to social emotional wellbeing. This year instead of having a prairie social worker conduct the presentation, we are going to host a zoom viewing event at Prairie in March or April related to screen time/wellness or internet safety. More information to follow soon!
- **Fundraising & Sponsorship Organizational Support Needed**
 - I could really use your help! Our Fundraising Committee—especially our annual sponsorship efforts—needs an organized, detail-oriented person to help manage paperwork and communications. This is a great opportunity for someone who cannot always help out in-person, but is looking for a way to support H&S remotely from your computer! I'm happy to focus on outreach and building relationships with our sponsor partners, but I'm looking for a co-chair who can help track commitments, ensure sponsor benefits are delivered, and make sure donors receive proper acknowledgments and documentation. If you're a pro (or even moderately comfortable) with Google Drive—Docs, Sheets, and more—we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out at prairie203fundraising@gmail.com.