



Home & School Meeting, April 14, 2026
Multipurpose Room at Prairie, 9 a.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

a. 9:02

B. WELCOME

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. [Draft of H&S Meeting Minutes 3/10/26](#)

i. M.K

ii. L.D

D. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. Thank Yous

- i. 5th Grade Special Projects: Erica Bennett, Hillary Lafferty, Mary Beth O'Connell, Michelle Weisseg, & Whitney White
- ii. Community Coventures: Joy Kleinhans & Amy Heitzman
- iii. Garden Committee: Dennis Johnson, Anne Nourallah, & Noemi Diaz Herrera
- iv. Marquee: Laura Ramey, & Joe Papuga
- v. Parent Safety Patrol: Karin Barden, Tia Claffy, Laura DeFalco, Katie Heuer, & Karen Belton
- vi. Prairie Pavers: Kristin Turnbull
- 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. Yearbook: Carolyn Buckingham, Lisa Crisup, & Allison Kellogg

b. General H&S Board Updates

- i. Youth Mental Health First Aid training with KidsMatter, 5/13 9am-2:30pm.
 1. [YMHFA One Pager](#)
 2. Signup link and flyer soon.
- ii. [Spring 2026 Parent Tech Series](#)
 1. 4/23 Secure Bonds: Protecting Your Child's Digital Footprint
- iii. District Budget Update
 1. Will present the draft budget at the 5/4 meeting
 2. [Website](#) - best source for information
 - a. If you have questions that aren't answered, reach out to Marc Willensky.
- iv. Crosstown Classic
 1. Saturday, April 25th

2. Register [here](#)
- c. Prairie H&S Updates
 - i. Introduce 2026-27 Executive Board
 1. Co-President: Melissa Fox
 2. Co-President: Alyssa Connolly
 3. Vice President: Hillary Lafferty
 4. Secretary: Alicia Klabunde
 5. Treasurer: Kevin Ramey
 - ii. April Printed Calendar Adjustments
 1. 5th Grade Panoramic Picture - 4/15 (not 4/23)
 2. Administrative Professionals Day - 4/23 (not 4/29)
 - iii. 5th Grade WJHS Parent Orientation Night
 1. Wednesday, 4/15 7 p.m. at WJHS; parent/guardian-only event
 - iv. Teacher Wishlists
 1. Teachers are submitting requests; they will be reviewed and voted on for approval at the May meeting
 - v. SFCP
 1. All school read kicked off yesterday, 4/13
 - vi. Have an idea for a new event or activity for H&S?
 1. Complete this [form](#)
 - vii. Parent Safety Patrol
 1. Want to help? Sign up [here](#)
- d. Upcoming H&S-Sponsored Events
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/4-5/8
 - ii. Prairie Day, Thursday, 5/14 (rain date 5/15)
- e. Next H&S meeting: Tuesday, 5/12, 9AM
 - i. Mr. Vogel, Washington Jr. High School's Principal & Emily Kozlowski, WJHS H&S President
- 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

E. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. WAAG
- b. Kane County Cougars Reading Program
 - i. Fliers have gone home with kids to obtain tickets
- c. Open 2026-27 Committee Chair Positions: Art from the Heart, Assemblies, Birthday Books, Community Coventures, Family Connections, Fundraising, Health & Safety, Prairie Day, Staff Appreciation and Staff Gift Cards.

F. TREASURER REPORT

- a. Account Balances
 - i. Account Balances
 1. Savings - \$7,575.10

- 2. Checking - Bank - \$58,734.66; Book - \$58,634.66
- 3. Family Connections gift cards were purchased
- ii. Monthly Reports - [March](#)
 - 1. Approval
 - a. L.D,
 - b. M.K.
- 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](#)
- d. All deposits need to go through Prairie office with 4-part deposit form
- e. Cannot reimburse tax - [Tax exemption certificate](#)
- f. Budget Planning 2026-27 - Committee Chairs - Any last minute comments - please let me know!!!
- g. If you are holding onto any reimbursements, please submit! It helps with budget planning for next year

G. SECRETARY REPORT

- a. Meeting Minute Communication
 - i. Now emailing out H&S Meeting Minutes within the week of the H&S meeting to optimize communication
- b. Thank yous
- c. Attendance raffle
 - i. Winner - Molly Bliss

H. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. [Annual Update](#)
 - i. Naperville School District 203 **Online Annual Update will open on May 1st - May 22nd.** The Online Annual Update for the 2026- 2027 school year must be completed for all returning preschool students and students entering 1st -13th grades. To access the Online Annual Update, you will need your Campus Parent username and password. If you do not have a Campus Parent Account, contact *Parent Support* at parentsupport@naperville203.org.
- b. [Summer Work in the Building](#)
 - i. There will be work done in the building this summer as well as the installation of a new playground
 - 1. Firewalls
 - a. Building will be 59 years old next year and codes have changed
 - b. 1,2,4 & 5 grade pods are only pods this applies to
 - i. Walls in pods will be rebuilt
 - 2. Playground
 - a. Has been planned for several years
 - b. Inclusive design for all students
 - c. More engaging and interactive opportunities
 - d. Improve walkways

- e. More durable and user friendly surface (i.e. remove mulch)
- f. Current playground
 - i. Difficult to get wheelchair across
- g. New playground [Prairie Playground Plan](#)
- h. Firetruck is coming out - currently nothing going in there and there is discussion with H&S about other options
- i. Additional playground is not coming out at this time
- j. Goal to is to have another playground added on the south playground in the future
- k. Goal to replace basketball hoops to make more usable for younger kids
- l. New playground may not be ready for use right away while surface rests
- m. Start expect mid to late June
 - i. Playground will not be accessible for summer use**
- n. Landscape is on radar
- o. Update on Prairie Den
 - i. Meeting with building officials today to look at options

c. Testing

- i. 5th Graders are wrapping up the ISA this week and all students will start their spring MAP assessment at the end of the month.

d. Spring Panorama Survey

- i. Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the Panorama Survey. Students should complete the survey in class within the window of April 20th - May 8th. For students in grades 3-5, the survey covers the following topic areas: teacher-student relationships, self-management, emotion regulation, social awareness, and sense of belonging. The deadline to opt-out is 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th.

e. Exciting Time for our 5th Graders and Parents

- i. WJHS Parent Orientation April 15th from 7-8
- ii. 5th Grade Visit to WJHS April 20th
- iii. 5th Grade Panoramic Photo - April 15th

f. Water Main Work

- i. We received notification that the city of Naperville is planning to do water main work on Charles Avenue, Richard Road, Catherine Avenue, Jane Avenue, George Lane, James Lane, Elizabeth Avenue, Mary Lane, Cheshire Avenue, and Stafford Avenue.. The work is slated to begin in April and end in October.

I. D203 BOARD MEMBER, MARC WILLENSKY, REPORT

a. Budget

- i. Operating deficit for upcoming year is expected, but will be smaller
- ii. New budget comes out in May
- iii. Recommend to look at 5 year forecast, at end of calendar year

J. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- a. Mrs. Callaghan - The Pieno's coffee stand was such a hit and so fun to be treated to specialty drinks and delicious cannolis. We also loved the breakfast last Friday after our first full week back after break. We are always so thankful for you thinking of Prairie Staff!!

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Verbal
 - i. Book fair
 - 1. \$2155.86 made for spring book fair
 - ii. Year Books
 - 1. Ordered
 - 2. Distributed last week of school
 - iii. 5th grade special projects
 - 1. Fine Arts
 - 2. Planning end of year party at Naperville Yard
 - 3. Clap out
 - 4. Yard signs coming this week
- b. Written reports attached.

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday, April 15: District Art Show, 5:30PM
- Wednesday, April 15: 5th Grade Panoramic Picture, 9:30AM
- Wednesday, April 15: 5th Grade Parent Orientation at WJHS, 7PM
- Thursday, April 16: 4th Grade Candor Puberty Presentation, 9:30AM
- Thursday, April 16: 2nd Grade Fine Arts Program, 6PM (Prairie Gym)
- Monday, April 20: Board of Education Meeting, 7PM
- Monday, April 20: Fifth Graders Visit WJHS, 9AM
- Monday, April 20: Battle of the Books Semi-Finals at KJHS, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
- Tuesday, April 21: Battle of the Books Finals at Nichols Library, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
- Wednesday, April 22: Author Visit: Philip Stead
- Wednesday, April 23: Administrative Professionals Day
- Saturday, April 25: Crosstown Classic, 2:30PM Check-In; 3:30pm 1st Race at JJHS
- Monday, April 27: Staff Gift Card Program Opens
- Tuesday, April 28: Band Festival at WJHS, 7:30PM
- Wednesday, April 29: Spring Orchestra Concert at WJHS, 7:30PM
- Friday, May 1: Half Day of School, 11:35 Dismissal
- Friday, May 1: National School Principals' Day

Meeting Adjourned

9:40 am

H&S Committee Reports

Month: April 2026

School Supplies website is live. Click here to order:

https://schooltoolbox.com/school-supplies/school/list-boxes/?schoolId=33898&utm_source=site&utm_medium=qr+code&utm_campaign=School+Page

SFCP

We are very excited for our All School Read that officially kicked off on 4/13! Students in K-2 will be reading a picture book and grades 3-5 will enjoy a chapter book version. We were able to give each student a beautiful hardcover book with a special bookmark placed inside with important reading assignments and dates. This program will run for 5 weeks and is to be done at home! Each teacher received a copy of the books as well. For the next five weeks, students will be sent home with an activity to complete. Each week the students bring back a completed sheet, they will be entered in our lottery to win a small gift card. Winners will be announced via daily announcements, as well as other updates about the program. At the end of the five weeks, we will have a culminating activity. We are very excited about this program and appreciate your understanding as this is our first run as a committee and we will certainly experience hiccups along the way! We are thrilled to get our school excited about reading a common book to provide unity and help to foster the love of reading within our prairie dogs!