

Prairie PTA Meeting
March 14, 2017, 7:00PM
Prairie Library

Introductions & Facebook Live Stream Feedback & Reminder

- Tera called the meeting to order at 7:08PM Today was also Math Night from 6:00PM-7:00PM. We are live streaming again on Facebook.
- Kim H. attended the meeting and spoke about the Swim Meet that is happening on Saturday. She has organized this for the past 6 years.

School/District Business

Principal's Report: Mr. Griffin

*Mr. Griffin gave the PTA a card to thank the PTA for the work and donations that the PTA does for the school.

*Prairie had the 2nd Black History Month Celebration

*This month Prairie is celebrating Women's History Month

*Battle of the Books--The youth had a lot of fun and really would like to do it again.

*Marquette Week-Mr. Griffin is celebrating Marquette and classes are looking at the college tournament.

*Biz-town-5th grade going at the end of the month

*MMR space will be Maker's Space. A Maker's Space is a creative space that you are able to create different things using imagination and creativity.

*Report Cards will be coming out.

*Educator Request

*More staffing information is coming out this week.

*Parking--signs have changed around the school and Mr. Griffin is asking that parents not park in the side lot.

*Lunch-he has been looking into how we can get the lunch line moving faster and when he has been in there it is better.

*Good Friends: Hopefully will be picking a date and having separate presentations. They could come and do a short presentation at a PTA meeting if there is interest. If there are any questions please send them to the PTA gmail account or to Tera.

*Questions:

Infinite Campus: Will the switch be turned back on so parents can see missing work. Mr. Griffin reported that it should be turned back on soon so parents are able to see all work and assignments. If you want a paper report card, ask.

*Waukesha Education Foundation

*PTA sponsored the foundation this year.

*Celebration of Excellence

We donated a fire pit basket. It was a great event and an opportunity to see what the district and other schools are doing.

*Prairie Grant Requests? Possible PTA Match?

*We asked if Mr. Griffin could keep the PTA informed about some of the teacher grant requests as we have discussed a potential match or PTA contribution. We want to help encourage teachers to look into these types of opportunities so that we are able to collaborate.

*Kohl's Cares Field Trip Grants: up to 4-\$1000 grants

Mr. Griffin reported that they are applying and that he is working with a couple of staff. Tera explained that it is important to apply early from her past experience.

*DonorsChoose.org

We are aware that a teacher did reach out on DonorsChoose.

*Battle of the Books

We asked if there is a way to have the finals at Literacy Night so that the families may be to see what it is. Parents reported that there were not enough books.

*Resource Officer Purpose & Frequency

Every elementary school in the district has an officer that is able to respond and also be a resource for Prairie.

*Aramark/Lunch Communication

Mr. Griffin reported that he has been in the lunch room and that he is attempting to see how things are going.

*Mid-year staff changes

We asked about some teacher changes and if this was reorganization or something that parents needed to be aware of. Mr. Griffin reported that there is not any reorganization.

*New District website

No idea as to when Prairie will get their new website.

*Election Issues

There was question as to why the building was so secure for November election and not during the most recent one. The number in the building was very small for this election. Is there a policy for elections and how will they be followed.

*Other Questions/Discussion

Asked that if there are opportunities that parents are welcome to attend that parents be given notice.

Superintendent's Council Report: Carrie D.

Quick meeting in February. Calendar changes for next year are still being discussed.

There may be 3 half days next year. They did put in a waiver for early start. If you wish to have a printed report card please address with Mr. Griffin. The district is seeing more behavioral issues. Attempting to put proactive plans in place. State budget and the impact addressed. If it is not passed there may be a 2 billion dollar deficit.

Curriculum Council Report: None

Special Education Round Table Report: None

PTA Business Operations

Monthly Expense Report: Andy R.

Andy reviewed the past months activities.

Minutes-Vote to Approve February 2017: Patti C.

Kathi made a motion to approve the February PTA Meeting Minutes. Molly seconded. A vote was made and all were in favor.

State PTA Conference Tuition Assistance Request

The conference is \$120.00 for the 2 days and \$100.00 for 1 day. Tera is wondering if there is any interest in the PTA assisting in sponsorship. There was discussion that this may be a really good thing for the officers to attend. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Spring Elections: March & April Nominations, May Elections

President-Elect, Secretary-Elect & Treasurer-Elect positions open. A brief summary of the positions were given.

Amanda Rogers reported on Facebook Live that she may be interested in one of the positions.

Questions/Comments

Month in Review

Literacy Night:

It was a fun night, but there were not a lot of families in attendance.

Tonight was Math Night and it seemed that there was a better turn out. It may be helpful to have a bigger time frame, communication about the activity, and on different days.

Skate Night:)

There was a great turn out. We made \$388.00.

Upcoming PTA Event & Program Discussion

Wellness Program with staff: Interest? 5K at WEF 5/13

Mr. Booth and Mrs. Sanchez have invited the kids to walk in the walk with them.

Flyers will be coming out. It is also the day of the Park and Rec run/walk. There may be some interest in having families meet for a breakfast. More to come.

Good Friends presentation on Special Education: Interest for a parent meeting.

Spirit Wear Order Due Friday, 3/17

Need smaller sizes for the younger youth.

SCRIP Deadline: Friday, 3/24

Box Tops Deadline: Friday, March 31st

Next Meeting: Friday, 4/21: 6:30 pm with Movie Night, Student Council will also present.

Staff Appreciation Week(May 1-5) Ideas, Committee Lead

Palooza Committee: Monday nights @7:30 at Culver's

PTA Conference 4/27 & 4/28

Questions/Comments

Paw Points for Parents Drawing (Need not be present to win)

Jena Meaney was the winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM

Submitted by Patricia Cooper

PTA Secretary