

Prairie PTO
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting 9:15 a.m.



PRAIRIE CAMPUS
BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Call To Order – 9:16am by Aimee Tanking

Secretary Report ~ Stacey Tomczak

- Motion to approve December 2020 PTO Prairie Minutes: Nicole Koviak First; Paige Majewski Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Assistant Principal Report ~ Brad Gillette

- Making final preparations for hybrid to start next week. Excited to see kids and are eager to get students in the building.
- School picture re-takes or new photos: details are being finalized. More information will be shared.

Assistant Principal Report ~ Jen Ellett

- MAP testing will be happening in both the winter and spring. Dates to be finalized.

Counselor Representative ~ Lynn Cobb

- January is “no name calling month.” Words matter theme.
- 8th grade is going into mental health lessons.

Ty Gorman ~ Director of Instructional Technology

- Parent tips as we transition to hybrid learning in January
- Screen fatigue and eye strain. Use built in features on the iPad to help with that.
 - Change the Display and Brightness on iPad
 - <https://support.apple.com/guide/ipad/adjust-screen-brightness-color-balance-ipad007d972d/ipados>
 - Using Screen Time on the iPad – parental controls
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-usHT209082>
- Hybrid concurrent instruction
 - Teachers will be using their MacBook for ZOOM and smartboard will project the ZOOM for class so everyone can see each other.
 - iPad will be used for students at home to hear students in the classroom.
 - Teachers will determine if students in the classroom need to ZOOM in. May be used for breakout sessions etc.
- Questions
 - Battery – should be able to last 8-10 hours on a single charge however high power features (Zoom) drains the battery faster. Telling kids to carry their chargers in case they need to recharge during the day. There are charging stations at Prairie.
 - District 220 Parent Guide: bit.ly/220parentguide
 - Ty Gorman email: tgorman@barrington220.org
- Google Hangouts
 - Facetime for groups of kids.
 - District provides this but doesn't monitor.
 - An informal way for kids to connect with their peers.
 - More heavily used by elementary students since those kids do not have phones.
 - Counselors at Prairie are using it to connect with students.
 - Snooze Notifications on Google Hangouts
 - <https://www.wikihow.com/Snooze-Notifications-from-the-Google-Hangouts-Mobile-App>

President Report ~ Aimee Tanking

- Presidents Council – March 3rd forum for school board candidates

- Building & Grounds Position
 - If interested contact Aimee Tanking at prairieptopresident@gmail.com
- Cake Walk
 - Over 80 cakes/treats were dropped off. Thank you to all that donated. It was much appreciated, and the teachers/staff had a great time.
- Ski Club
 - Happening on a smaller scale through the park district.

Second VP ~ Nicole Koviak

- Holiday Coffee Cart
 - Hot Chocolate/Tea and treats were handed out to staff before winter break.
- Valentine's Teacher Coffee Cart
 - Week of February 8th

First VP ~ Alex Rodda

- Chipotle Dine 'n Share
 - \$56.10 was raised
- Amazon Smile
 - Appreciate all that used this during their holiday shopping.
- Heinen's

Treasurer Report ~ Chris Bradley

- Budget Update
 - Next installment of dues will be coming this week
- If you still need to pay dues you cannot due that through IC. Look for a "how to" on LOTP next week.

Community Events – no report

Old Business - none

New Business: Next Prairie PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 9:15am

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:49am: Nicole Koviak First; Stacey Tomczak Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Respectfully submitted

Stacey Tomczak

Prairie PTO Secretary 2020-21