

Prairie PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Zoom Meeting 9:15 a.m.



PRAIRIE CAMPUS
BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Call To Order - Call to order 9:17am by Stacey Tomczak

Secretary Report ~ Stacey Tomczak

- Motion to approve February minutes. Ann Shaw First; Jessie Erickson Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Principal Report ~ Travis Lobbins

- Construction Update
 - Build 220 - <https://www.barrington220.org/Page/20447>
 - Actual construction will begin the end of May/beginning of June with the removal of the mobiles.
 - 6 traveling teachers due to the loss of 6 classrooms. Growing pains for about a year and a half.
 - Addition will be off 6th grade wing towards the mobiles and then attach back to the building. Improve flow and add an additional 8 classrooms.
- 8th Grade Recognition
 - Current plans are to host recognition at the High School Stadium outside.
 - Planning with current Covid Rules
 - 2 separate ceremonies divided by the alphabet
 - Limited people that can attend - 2 people per child
 - Tentative dates: May 24/25 (Station May 26/27) - building in a rain date and flexibility for both middle schools
 - Hopeful that things can change the closer we get to the ceremony
- Hybrid 2.0 Update
 - In talks with teachers about tentative plans to get students back full time if the metrics allow.
 - Will allow all A and B students who are currently in the building to come back all 5 days.
 - Problematic areas: lunch (lunchroom only holds 150 students. So would need to utilize hallways and other areas in the school)
 - 68% of students choose Hybrid, however that doesn't necessarily reflect the daily percentage
 - If the ability presents itself to allow some remote students to come back in the building then we will make that happen.
- Free lunch program is offered to all students everyday
 - Sodexo meals - please view their menus [here](#).
- Spring Conferences
 - Will be held on Zoom again
 - Conference sign-up is currently open
- Sports
 - Don't anticipate spectator rules to change
- 5 essential survey
 - How the state and national government determines if we are a "good" school
 - If over 20-30% of parents take the survey it will be published
 - Currently at 3%
 - If 100% of students take the survey, then the school gets 5% bonus points

- Survey will expire sometime in April
- To complete the survey please [click here](#).
- State Testing
 - State is mandating our students take the tests, but they won't be "counted"

Counselor Report – Brian Turcotte and Lynn Cobb

- SEL lessons: Erin's Law, Acceptance and Inclusion, No-Name Calling Theme, Snowflake
- <https://vimeo.com/520021437>
- <https://gozen.com/8-ways-a-childs-anxiety-shows-up-as-something-else/>
- Highlight of the morning is greeting kids as they enter the building to get scanned in. Seeing students more talkative and engaged in the morning.

President Report ~ Aimee Tanking

- Presidents Council
 - Candidate Forum March 3rd
 - <https://vimeo.com/519316123>
 - April 6th Election Date
 - March 13th Forum
 - <https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com/events/candidate-forum-barrington220-school-board>
- 2021-21 PTO Volunteers
 - Fill out survey if interested
- 8th Grade Picnic/Yard Signs are in the works

Second VP ~ Nicole Koviak

- Spring Teacher Conference Dinner
 - Frantonio's Italian Deli and Café will be catering the meal

First VP ~ Alex Rodda

- Amazon Smile
- Heinen's - every year you need to register

Treasurer Report ~ Chris Bradley

- Budget Update
 1. Expenses
 - \$1500 Snowflake (\$500 deducted out of each grade level programs budget item)
 - \$383 Treasurer expenses for tax prep expenses and check reorder
 - \$285 Hospitality expense for February teacher appreciation Valentines' Day Cart
- Dues Drive
- How to check if you have paid PTO Dues
 1. Login to Infinite Campus [Campus Parent \(infinitecampus.org\)](https://infinitecampus.org)
 2. From the menu bar on the left click on 'Fees'
 3. On the Fees screen: choose your student from the 'Person' drop down list and choose PAID from the 'Type' drop down list
 4. From the list of fees you can click on 'MP PTO Membership – OPTIONAL'
- If you HAVE paid your PTO fee already: it will display the payment type and payment date

- If you have NOT paid your PTO fee: it will show the fee as VOID on 1/4/2021 (this is the date the district removed optional fees from the system for this school year)
- You can pay your \$25 PTO dues by clicking [here](#) and logging in to the IC Parent Portal. Choose 'School Store' from the menu bar on the top left. Click on 'Shop' for Prairie Middle School and you will find both Prairie PTO 2020 – 2021 Dues and Prairie PTO No Stress Fundraiser.
- Questions on PTO Dues? Contact prairieptotreasurer@gmail.com
- Check request form: <http://www.barrington220.org/Page/16288>

Community Events

- B-Strong Event March 15th 7:00pm via Zoom
 - <https://forms.gle/PTDQLKsvzE2QG6mK9>

Old Business - none

New Business – Next PTO Meeting Tuesday, April 13th at 9:15am

- Adjourn – Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:02am. Nicole Koviak First; Jessie Erickson Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Respectfully submitted

Stacey Tomczak

Prairie PTO Secretary 2020-21