

Prairie PTO
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 10, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting 9:15am



PRAIRIE CAMPUS
BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Call To Order – 9:15am by Aimee Tanking

Secretary Report ~ Stacey Tomczak

- Motion to approve October 2020 PTO Prairie Minutes: Nicole Koviak First; Gwen Carfora Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

Assistant Principal Report ~ Brad Gillette/Jen Ellett

- Currently in the adaptive pause. No new status update.
- Picture Day – VIP Photography
 - Tuesday and Thursday next week (17th and 19th) – Assuming we are in the hybrid mode
 - Done during Colt Time
 - Distance Learning Students 4:15-6pm time slot for students not in the building to come in.
 - Parent Blast will be sent later today with all picture information
 - Parent volunteers (3-6 people) for the evening times to help with check-in
 - All socially distance measures will be in place
 - If not in the hybrid mode next week. A new schedule will have to be made with all evening appointments prior to winter break.
 - Everything will be done electronically
- Winter Sports/Clubs
 - Still awaiting information and guidance from IESA
- Substitute Teachers
 - Asynchronous work may be pushed out if it is a one-day absence
 - We have and will continue to hire subs for longer term teacher absences
- PSAT – December 8 (Group A) and December 11 (Group B). Information will be going out to 8th grade parents. Testing will need to be done in person.
 - Winter and Spring MAPS will run similarly to the Fall. Looking at a January date for the Winter MAPS.

Counselor Representative ~ Brian Turcott

- Always excited to connect with the students
- Important to listen
- Questions:
 - Gwen Carfora – When will the school check in with students if they see that grades are dropping? Some parents aren't able to keep up-to-date with all the emails and grades as other parents are able.
 - Students and Parents can always communicate with teachers/counselors.
 - There are systems in place if students are failing a class. You will get a phone call.

President Report ~ Aimee Tanking

- Presidents Council
 - Picture Day and PSAT – covered by Brad Gillette
 - Nate Rouse – Director of Equity, Race and Cultural Diversity Initiatives
 - Starting a committee to work on his diversity plan for the district
- Building & Grounds Position - if interested in helping with the planters at the school please contact Aimee Tanking: prairieptopresident@gmail.com

First VP ~ Alex Rodda

- No Stress Fundraiser Update

- Mod Pizza Dine 'n Share Recap \$19.85
- Chipotle Dine 'n Share in Deer Park – December 16th 5- 9pm
 - Online Code YC4474Z
 - Show flyer on phone or paper copy if dining in
- Amazon Smile
 - Phone
 - Computer- need to go through the smile website
 - iPad – unable to work
- Heinen's
 - Need to update as Heinen's systems have changed. Can be done at the store or online.
- Script Gift Card Sales : www.shopwithscrip.com
 - Click join a program
 - Enrollment Code: 446LBF6674745
 - All gift cards will be sent electronically
- Questions – Contact Alex Rodda: goalexandra@hotmail.com

First VP ~ Nicole Koviak

- Wednesday, October 14th Teacher Conference Dinner Re-Cap
 - Christine McKenna did a wonderful job.
 - Box dinners were provided.
 - Teachers greatly appreciated the meal.
- Hospitality Help
 - Looking for committee help. Please contact Nicole if interested: koviak@hotmail.com
 - Ideas are welcome

Treasurer Report ~ Chris Bradley

- Budget Update
 - Income
 - Dues collected to date \$5,625. Goal is \$10,000. Don't have October numbers.
 - July - 112 Families, August - 95 families, September - 18 families
 - Expenses
 - Payment of 6th grade shirts from last year
 - Ice Cream Social on 6th grade walk through days
 - PTO meeting in March
- Forms can be found on the PTO website: <https://www.barrington220.org/domain/591>
- Ski Club Update – Parent Interest Meeting Today November 10th Need to pre-register.

Committee Reports - None

Community Events - None

Old Business - None

New Business – Next Prairie PTO Meeting Tuesday, December 10th at 9:15am

Adjourn : 10:04am

Respectfully submitted,
 Stacey Tomczak
 Prairie PTO Secretary
 2020-21

