

**Prairie PTO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
9:15 a.m.



**PRAIRIE CAMPUS**  
BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

**Call To Order** - 9:18am by Aimee Tanking

**Secretary Report ~ Stacey Tomczak**

- Motion to approve April Prairie PTO minutes. First Alex Rhodda; Nicole Koviak Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

**Assistant Principal Report ~ Brad Gillette**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition
  - Please submit the google form if you are planning on attending the recognition in person.
  - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Please prepare for weather. Trying to avoid postponing due to the tight week with all the graduations and recognitions happening at the high school.
  - Tickets will be mailed home later this week or beginning of next week.
  - Don't anticipate a lot of extra tickets. First come, first serve basis based on the google form.
  - Anticipate recognition to last about 1 hour.
  - Students will be walking across the stage based on the last meeting we had.
  - 5:45pm earliest for students and guest to arrive. Teachers arriving at 5:30pm.
  - Would anticipate restrooms being open.

**Assistant Principal Report ~ Jen Ellett**

- Assessment Testing – Finished IAR testing last week. Make-ups happening this week if parents opted in for that testing.
- MAP – targeted for students in intervention. Not everyone will be taking these tests. Want the most instructional time as possible.

**Counselors Report - Brian Turcotte and Lynn Cobb**

- Counselors are always here for the students.
- "Welcome to the Real World" – 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about budgeting and life skills. Wasn't formally done this year. Some information may be put in LOTP.

**Director of Equity, Race, & Cultural Diversity Initiatives ~ Nate Rouse**

- District Equity Plans and Information
- Since August have been meeting with schools to learn about the culture in the buildings. Allows me to meet kids and teachers.
- District Equity Team – 40 people made up of teachers, administrators, community members, parents, board members and students'.
- Sub committees – used to communicate plans and information.
- Website will be updated in the fall.
- Want kids to build empathy.
- Summer University

- Other opportunities for parents to get involved will be coming next year. Especially at the building level.
- Reach out to Brian Turcotte [bturcotte@barrington220.org](mailto:bturcotte@barrington220.org) if interested.

### **President Report ~ Aimee Tanking**

- Presidents Council Report
  - Virtual School update for next school year.
  - Construction at the Middle Schools to begin in June.
  - AAA Bond rating for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
  - Lunch prices will remain flat for and staying with same company.

### **Second VP ~ Nicole Koviak**

- Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Thank you to everyone that donated to the gift card raffle. Over 105 gift cards were donated.
  - Breakfast coffee and snack cart was a success.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
  - Thank you to the staff for helping make this happen this year. A DJ and Kona ice truck will be here for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A drawstring bag will be handed out too.
  - Distance learners are welcome to attend.
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> during lunch 11:15-11:49am for in person learners. 12:02-12:32pm for distance learners.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition
  - PTO will help with set-up

### **First VP ~ Alex Rodda**

- School Supplies
  - Ordering is available online through June 4.
  - [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and enter account number 20217,
  - Choose grade for next school year
  - Pick-up kits during Prairie walk through days in August
  - Questions contact [karitanana@hotmail.com](mailto:karitanana@hotmail.com)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prairie school supply list 2021-22
    - 1 set of earbuds
    - 2 highlighters
    - 2 glue sticks
    - 3 blue pens
    - 1 pencil bag
    - 48 pencils
    - 1 sets of colored pencils
    - 2 flair pens in black
    - 1 package of post-it notes
    - 3x3 2 composition notebooks
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Prairie school supply list 2021-22
    - 1 set of earbuds with a microphone
    - 1 highlighter
    - 1 package 4x4 Post-it notes
    - 48 pencils

- 1 set of colored pencils
- 8th Grade Prairie school supply list 2021-22
  - 1 set of earbuds
  - 1 package of filler paper
  - 1 composition notebook
  - 48 pencils
  - 48 pens
- Motion to approve the 2021-2022 PTO Slate. Rupal Upadhyay First; Chris Bradley Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.
  - Some positions are still available please contact Alex at [goalexandra@hotmail.com](mailto:goalexandra@hotmail.com) if interested.
- Amazon Smiles
- Heinen's

**Treasurer ~ Chris Bradley**

- 2020-2021 Budget Update
  - Income totaling \$1,515
    - \$250 from Dues
    - \$1,265 from No Stress Fundraising donations
  - Thank you to all who supported the PTO this year by paying your Dues
  - Thank you to those who donated to the No Stress Fundraiser. Because of your generosity the PTO was able to meet our budgeted goals for the year!
  - Expenses totaling \$4,107
    - \$230 Administrative
    - \$1,750 Hospitality
    - \$927 8th Grade Yard Signs
    - \$1,200 8th Grade Celebration
- Motion to allocate and hold \$25,000 for Outdoor Classroom. Lisa Witek First; Page Majewski Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.
- Please submit any outstanding reimbursement requests by the end of May.
  - Check Request Form: <https://www.barrington220.org/Page/16288>

**Community Events:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** next PTO meeting will be held on September 14, 2021

**Adjourn Meeting** – 10:00am

Respectfully submitted;

Stacey Tomczak

Prairie PTO Secretary 2020-21

**Call New Meeting to Order** – 10:00am

**President ~ Stacey Tomczak**

- Welcome 2021-2022 Slate

**Treasurer ~ Chris Bradley**

- 2021-2022 Budget Presentation
  - Dues goal
  - Ski Club didn't happen last year, hoping it will next year
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration fundraising. Will brainstorm with chairs and new EB.
- Motion to approve the 2021-22 PTO Budget. Aimee Tanking First; Alex Rhodda Second; all in favor; none opposed; none abstained.

**Adjourn Meeting** – 10:05am

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Tomczak  
Prairie PTO Secretary 2020-21

Rachel Sepe  
Prairie PTO Secretary 2021-22