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# What is the Prairie Fund?



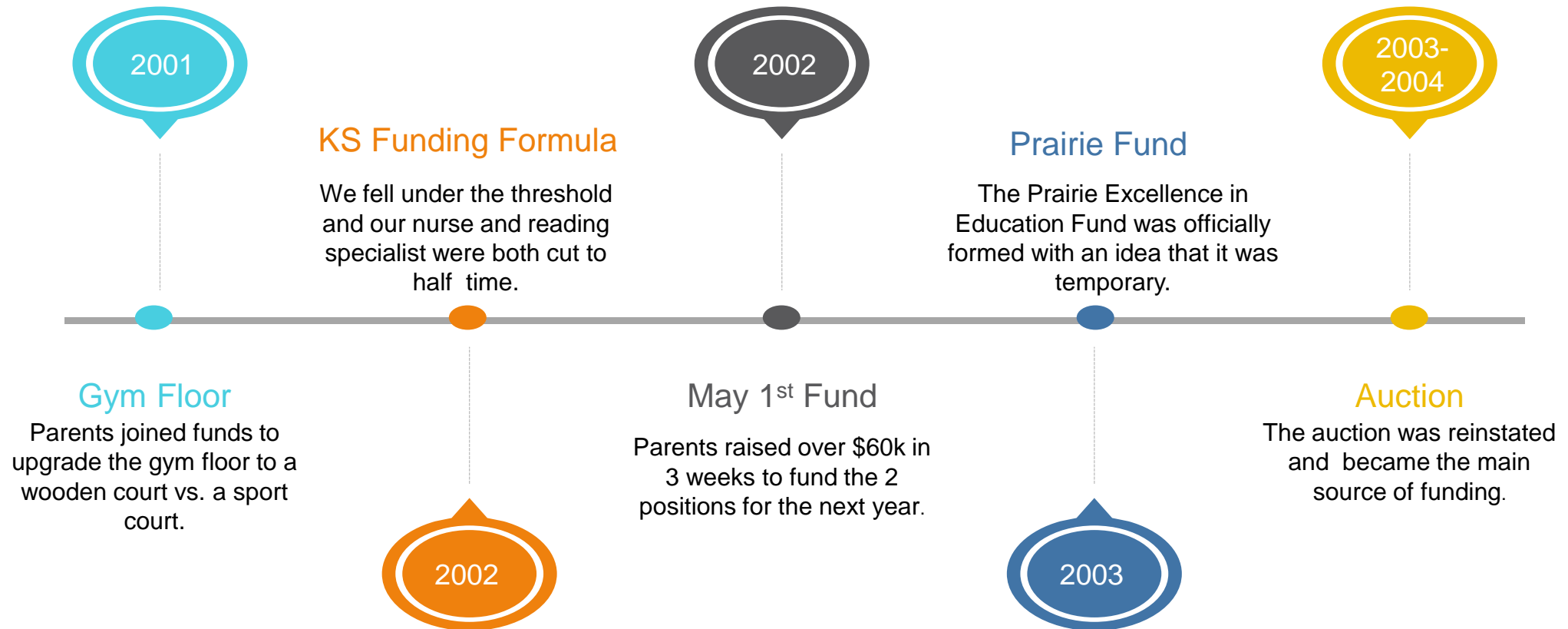
## PURPOSE

To provide resources, **beyond tax funding**, to stimulate excellence at the School by supporting delivery of special programs and services to **enhance the learning environment** for the children attending the School, increasing the effectiveness of instruction at the School, and strengthening ties between the School and the community.

# Prairie Fund Board Members

- **Chair** – Ashley Dean
- **Secretary** – Sally Cook
- **Treasurer** – Gina Monger
- **K-3 Rep.** – Sally Cook
- **4-6 Rep.** – Jamie Dailey
- **Past Chair** – Lisa Bowser
- **At-large Members** –
  - Jess Bettenhausen
  - Nicole Clifford
  - Allison Hughes
  - Amy Moore
  - Hugh O'Donnell
- Pat O'Keefe
- **PTA Liaison** – Libby Pfeiffer or Sarah Walsh
- **Non-voting Members:**
  - **Principal** – Kristen Jones
  - **Teacher Representative** – Pam Ritzman

# Why was the Prairie Fund created?

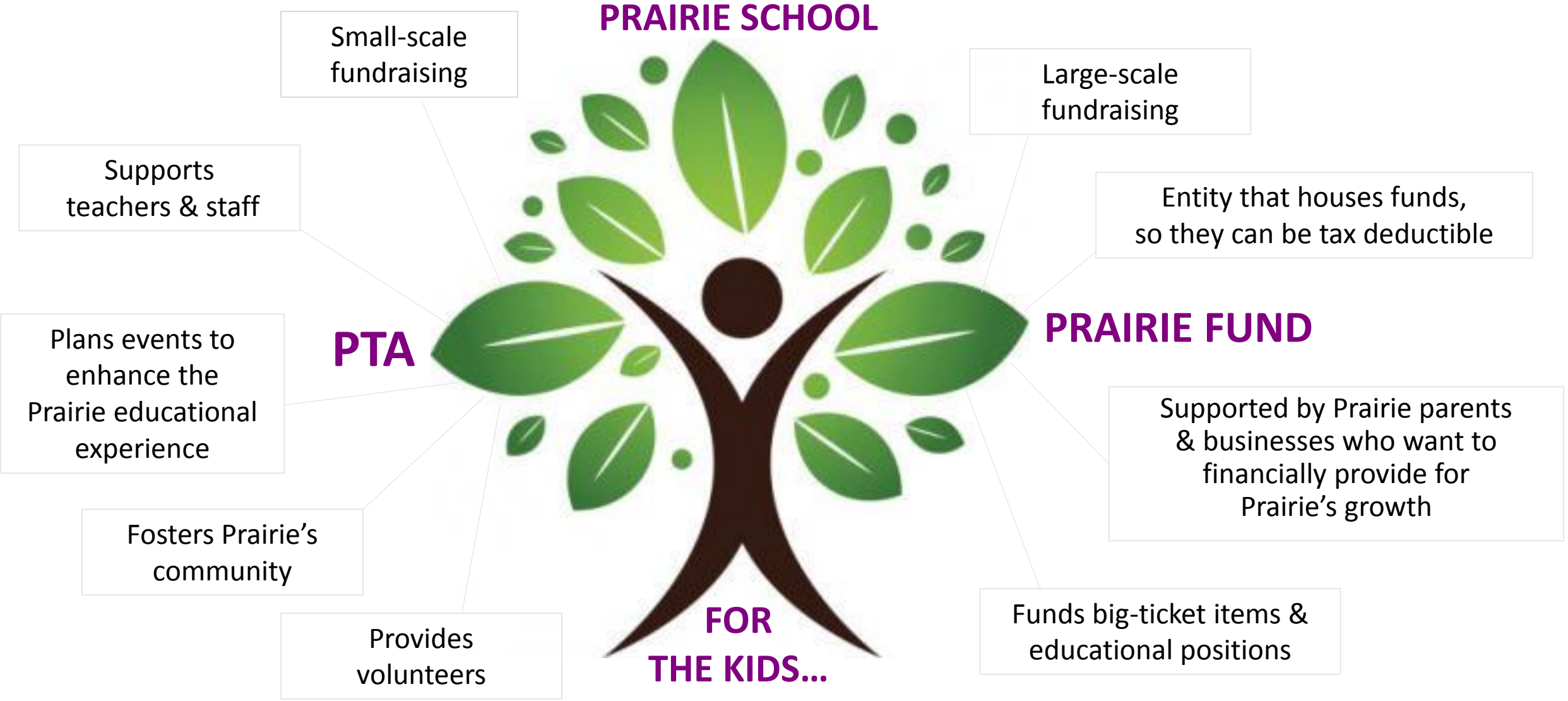




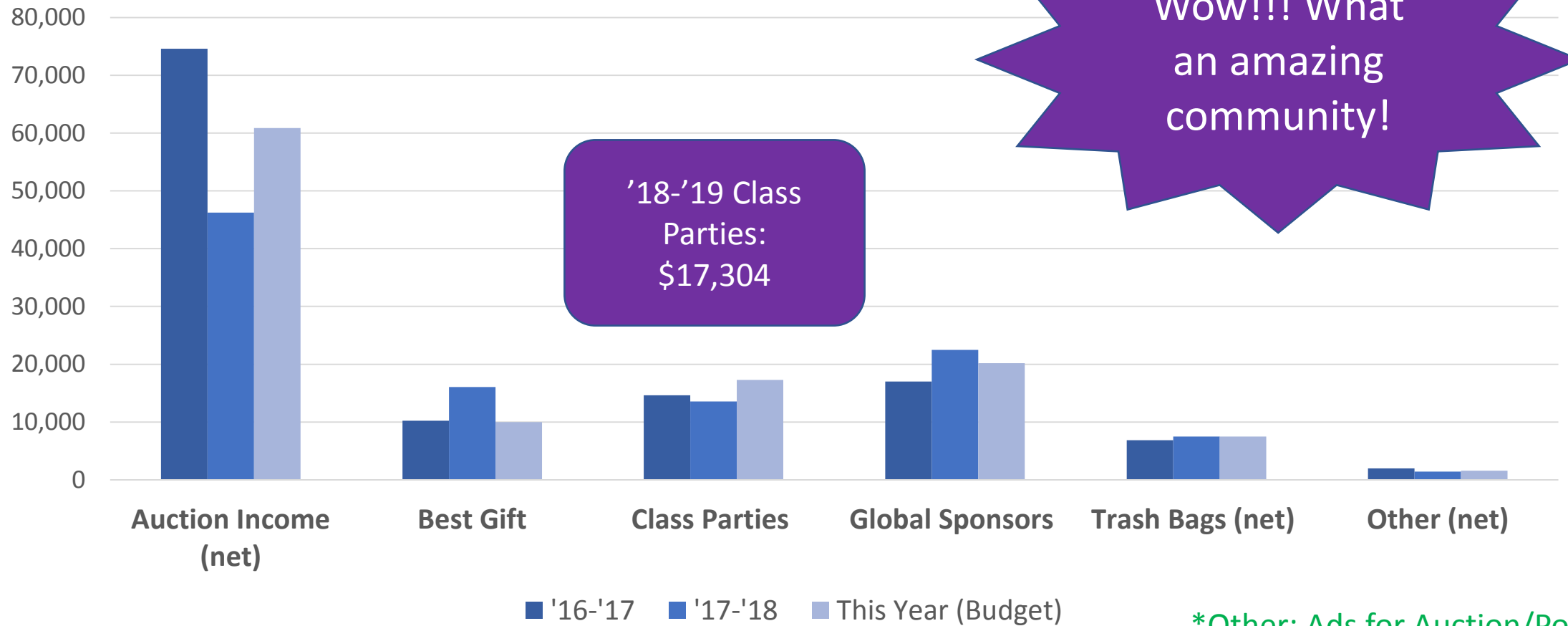
# Prairie Fund 18-19 Goals:

- Explore Affiliation with Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
- Investigate 501(c)3 Filing
  - Revise Bylaws
  - Current version at <http://prairiepta.org/prairie-fund/>
- Increase Communications
  - PTA Facebook
  - PTA Newsletter
  - [prairiefundmsd@gmail.com](mailto:prairiefundmsd@gmail.com)
- Ongoing Collaboration with PTA
  - Regular Communication
  - Teacher Grants

# PTA & Prairie Fund



# Where do donations come from?



\*Other: Ads for Auction/Poker Tournament, Golf Tournament, Amazon Smile, etc.

# Where does the money go?



## Positions

**Total Cost: \$109,298**

### **Part-Time Positions:**

- **Counselor**
  - \$38,505
- **Math Specialist**
  - \$33,041
- **Reading Specialist**
  - \$37,752



## Administrative

**Total Cost: \$3,100**

### **Costs:**

- **SMEF Fees**





# What's new this year?

- Greater Kansas City Community Foundation Account
  - User Friendly Online Donations
  - Investment Opportunities
- Building Leadership Team (BLT) Grants
  - \$10,000
  - Application Process
- Individual Teacher Grants
  - \$5,000, with potential of up to \$10,000
  - Application Process



# BLT Grants Approved to Date:

Kagan Kits  
(\$1,560)

- Who: Instruction for Teachers
- When: Throughout the Year
- Purpose: Build Classroom Culture & Excitement for Learning Experiences

Two cultural  
assemblies  
(\$1,650)

- Who: All Students
- When: Winter Semester
- What: African Drum & Dance and It's a Jungle Out There

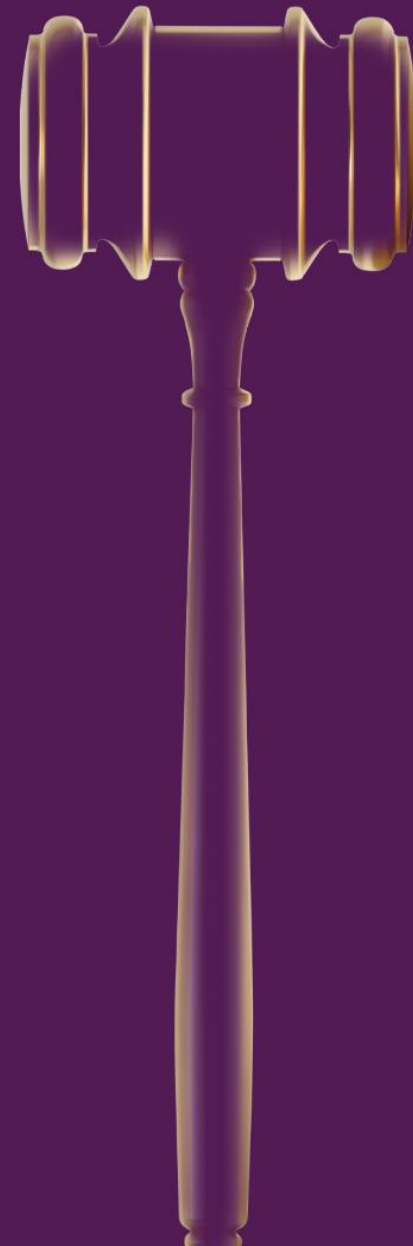
Art program  
(\$1,440)

- Who: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders
- What: 6<sup>th</sup>: Chinese Brush Artist & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Compost Cookies

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# How do I provide feedback?

- Formal Mechanisms
  - State of the School each fall
  - Surveys on an as needed basis
- Ad hoc/Informal Methods
  - [prairiefundsmsd@gmail.com](mailto:prairiefundsmsd@gmail.com)
  - Talk to a Board Member
  - Talk to Mrs. Jones
- GET INVOLVED



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