



Prairie Fund Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

What is the Prairie Fund?



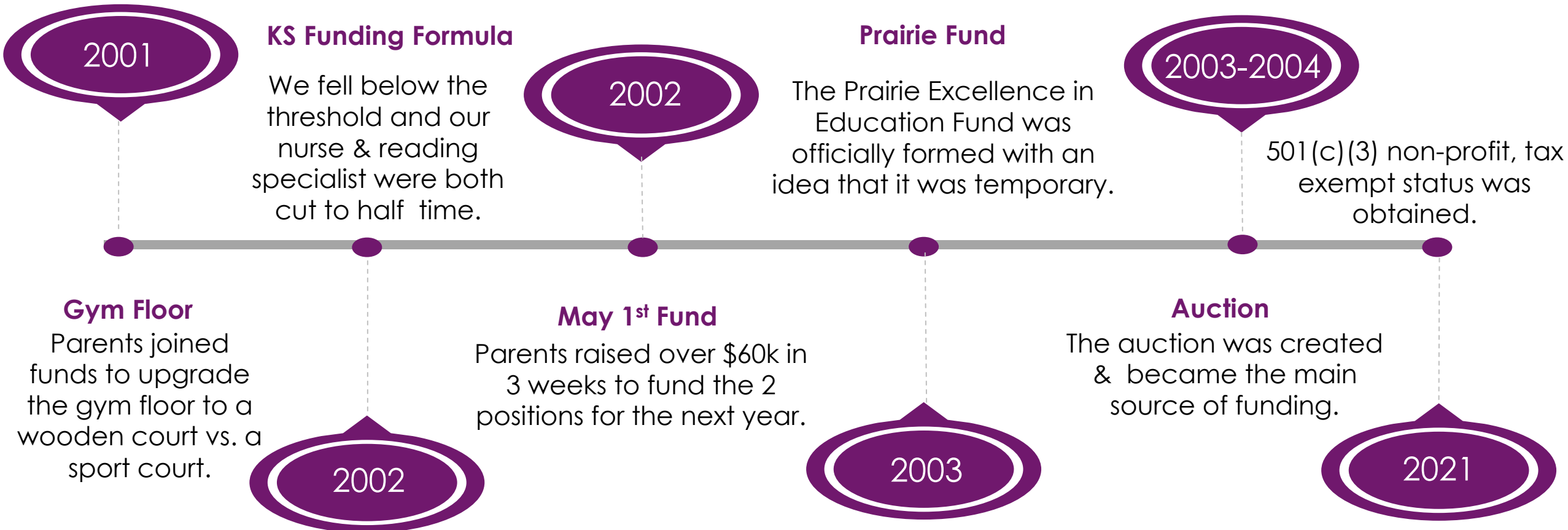
PRAIRIE FUND PURPOSE

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** – Gina Monger
- ▶ **Vice Chair** – Kate Sullinger
- ▶ **Treasurer** – Matt Myers
- ▶ **Secretary** – Megan Lynch
- ▶ **Past Chair** – Sally Cook
- ▶ **At-large Members** –
 - ▶ Kelly Askew
 - ▶ Liz Beedle
 - ▶ Matt Clark
 - ▶ Natalie Smith
 - ▶ Angie Turpin Nelson
- ▶ **Auction Chairs** – Mandi Chappell & Julie Prewitt
- ▶ **PTA Liaison** – Katie Gahagan & Erin Knighton
- ▶ **Non-voting Members:**
 - ▶ **Principal** – Kristen Jones
 - ▶ **Teacher Representative** – Molly Miller

Why was the Prairie Fund created?



PTA & Prairie Fund – What's the difference?

PTA

Small-scale fundraising
Supports teachers & staff
Plans events to enhance
the Prairie educational
experience
Fosters Prairie's community
Provides volunteers

PRAIRIE

Prairie Fund

Large-scale fundraising + tax
deductible

**Funds educational
positions that benefits all
students**

Supported by Prairie parents
and businesses who want to
financially provide for
Prairie's growth

Overview of Funding & Funding Needs

- ▶ Annually, we need ~ **\$121,0000** to fund three half time positions:
 - ▶ Counselor
 - ▶ Math specialist
 - ▶ Reading specialist
- ▶ Class Parties raised \$22,206 this school year! Thank you to the AMAZING hosts, co-hosts and donors for helping setting a new school record!
- ▶ Corporate Sponsors raised \$12,500 this school year!
- ▶ Prairie Luminary Event raised \$4,645 last year, our inaugural year. It raised ~\$2,700 this year.
- ▶ The Auction, our largest fundraiser, will occur in person in February 2022. Last year, the auction event raised \$65,000, net of expenses.

How do I provide feedback?

- ▶ Ad hoc/Informal Methods
 - ▶ Talk to a Board Member
 - ▶ Talk to Mrs. Jones
- ▶ Formal Mechanisms
 - ▶ Annual Fund Meeting each year
 - ▶ Surveys on an as needed basis
- ▶ **Get involved!**



2022-2024 Board Nominations

- ▶ The Prairie Fund is actively seeking nominations for the 2022-2024 term
- ▶ We will send out an all-school email with all the information for nominations.
- ▶ If you have any questions, please reach out to Sally Cook, Nominating Chair.

AUCTION Sneak Peak!

- ▶ Tentative Date: **Sat., Feb. 26, 2022** for an in-person auction event
- ▶ Auction Quick Facts:
 - ▶ Food and beverage is included in your ticket price
 - ▶ There is a silent auction with a variety of items at a variety of price points
 - ▶ There is a live auction with higher value items
 - ▶ Fixed price items such as parent parties and experiences for students donated by the Prairie staff will be available for purchase
 - ▶ If you can't be there – you can still bid!
- ▶ Ways to help
 - ▶ Donate an auction item
 - ▶ Volunteer for a committee
 - ▶ Buy your tickets and encourage your friends to attend as well!

Contact Us

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