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Prairieview Elementary School March 2025 Board Report

<u>Goal One – Learning</u>

This month our staff and students welcomed our parent partners into school for our spring parent-teacher conferences. These are often student-led conferences, further representing our shift toward self-directed students and student ownership of their learning. These conferences feature student self-assessments of their academic progress, of the goals they have set this year, and how they are making progress developing as a learner as measured by our Habits of a Champion (aka CCSD66 Learner Characteristics). Below is an example of what students shared with their parents:

HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

Student Self-Assessment	Yes	Sometimes	Not Yet
I complete my classwork and homework and turn it in on time.	*		
I persevere through hard concepts and problems.	*		
I am an effective communicator and can explain how I solved different questions and why I used the strategy that I did.	*		
I ask questions when I don't understand something.	*		
I participate and pay attention in class and offer to share my thinking/strategies on how I solve different types of Math problems.	*		
I always try my best in school and make an effort to do well.	*		
I have a growth mindset and a positive attitude.	*		
I work well when it is time to collaborate with partners.	*		

One of our Social Studies Competencies is to "recognize and articulate perspectives." An important part of doing that is learning about our differences as students, and we're lucky to have some student leaders help us do that! Recently, groups of students have begun to lead presentations about their different cultures, and how their classmates might see that exhibited at school. In honor of Lunar New Year and Ramadan, several students shared with their classes what their holiday means to them, how they celebrate, and even how their classmates can be good friends during their holiday. I'm proud of the progress our school is making as we seek to understand different perspectives, grow our students' worldview, and help Prairieview feel like home to all of our students.



Goal Two – Whole Student Development



This month our Learner Characteristic of the month is: Critical Thinker! Critical Thinkers do not simply believe whatever they read, hear, or view. They remain skeptical, ask critical questions, and seek alternative points of view. These kinds of skills are evident in our problem and project based learning activities, such as what you'll see in Social Studies, STEM, and our Inspire Science curriculum. Below is an example of what this looked like during our student-led conferences last month. Thank you to the Prairieview staff for your commitment to growing students beyond the standards!

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This work shows I am a critical thinker because I thought of different strategies to help me find the answers. For example, partial products (my favorite), and breaking up problems into smaller ones to make it easier. I chose the easiest strategies for me so I can get it done successfully before times up.

Goal Three – Environment

A big thank you to Ms. Smeltzer who donated her Friday evening to a PACKED Team 66 Painting Night! It's moments like this when you really appreciate the generosity and contagious spirit of our staff. These are artists that Ms. Smeltzer has nurtured creativity in since Kindergarten - thank you to Team 66 for organizing! Our staff and students have also enjoyed the Team 66 Super Raffle, which has resulted in some fun prizes and great funds donated to Team 66. Thanks to our staff for creating bid-worth options, and to our fantastic community for their donations!

