

The Prairie Page

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The PCCE Board needs an Educator representative!

Our Board has 2 spots for educators and one spot is soon going to be vacant. If you enjoy being involved with the "bigger" questions of Christian education and if you are someone who has a passion for seeing Christian education flourish in the PCCE community, contact <u>Gayle</u> to chat! Or maybe you know someone who would be a great addition to our Board - encourage them to contact Gayle or let Gayle know and she can touch base with them.

LOVING

"A Prayer to God in Anxious Time." Sounds like something we can all relate to, doesn't it!?

To whet your appetite:

Great and quiet source of peace, quiet our fears. We are wary, uncertain, strung tight. Quiet our fears. We have no idea what the future will bring, but we do know You will be in our future to hold us there...

O God, great and quiet source of peace, quiet us, your anxious ones, and let us cling for comfort to Your suffering Son, Jesus Christ. Gather us under His wings. Remind us that He suffers with us, but He's also the great physician.

LEARNING

We are beginning to imagine what a virtual teachers' convention can look like and we want your input.

Teachers: please complete this <u>SHORT SURVEY</u> by Tuesday evening. Thanks for your ideas!

A reminder that our 2019/2020 PCCE Book Club focused on David Smith's book "On Christian Teaching: Practicing Faith in the Classroom" is meeting **today**. For those of you that have not participated in our previous sessions, we have already discussed the first 5 chapters and will be discussing chapters 6 & 7 at 2:30. We would love to have you JOIN us!

We want to highlight one of our fantastic school leaders, Terri-Lynn Emms (principal of Drayton Christian School), and the process she was willing to walk through with us in planning for a recent staff PD day. She started by grappling with some big questions:

- What would an ideal school look like to you?
- What is your school's mission/vision?
- What are your district's goals?

• What is your "Deep Hope?"

If your "Deep Hope" was realized, what would you see as you walked through the school?

Here were some of her thoughts: "A sense of deep purpose would saturate the environment. This school would be more like a living organism with rhythms and patterns rather than manufactured rigidness. There would be time and space for this organism and all its parts to live and breathe and grow. Wonder and awe would drive us to explore and learn and the curriculum would become invitations to explore God's beauty, pattern, design, complexity, simplicity. Wisdom and commitment would drive us to understand the curriculum deeply. God's goodness would draw us to action as partners in HIS restorative work. In everything we would be bringing a healing touch to our world, others and ourselves."

From this we co-created a plan that invited teachers into a culture building structure, called "CREW," that will help Drayton Christian move towards "bringing a healing touch to our world, others and ourselves." We would love to engage in this process with more of you as you start planning for next year and if you would like to know more about "Crew" let us know.

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