

Elk Point School Council Meeting
Elk Point Elementary School
April 23 2025

Attendance - Amber Malo, Lana St. Arnault, Terri Bannister, Brandi Breen, Romy Matthiessen, Brianne Greening, Reanne Mudryk, Garth Finlay

1. Call To Order - 6:34
2. Land Acknowledgement - Romy Presented
3. Welcome & Introductions - Romy Introduced herself as the chair of the school council and as a parent of a daughter in Kindergarten, Brianne secretary and parent of a son in grade 2. Round table introduction
4. Approval Of Agenda - Grade 6 Camp, Sessions and Workshops, School Discipline Restorative Justice Discussion Lana Moved Terri Seconded
5. Approval Of Minutes From Last Meeting - Tabled will print out and bring to next meeting
6. Business Arising From Minutes
 - a. CNRL Grant Update - Romy presented level 1 is approximately \$15000 this is intended for a reset room and tools available for class room, letter of support from Trustee and Associate Superintendent Of Wellness
 - b. Community Initiatives Program Update - Fundraising For Sound System Quote has increased. Matching Grant total would be for \$30000. \$15000 would be from the school and the May 15th due date. Hoping to get this done
 - c. Value Village Fundraiser Update - May 26 - 28 Drop Off May 29th Delivery. Someone will be around between 9 am and 8 pm in order to support drop off.
 - d. Childhood Anxiety Workshop Review - Workshop went well. Talked about screen time and childrens environment the slide show will be forwarded. More awareness to who can be involved is being suggested. Looking to have another session with her in the fall. Suggestions evening and next day with Staff. Is there an option to have some sort of child care in the building? Can this be virtual attendance?
7. Principal's Report - Events that have occurred and coming up, St. Patrick's Day Wear green day, Grade 4 - 6 Ski Trip, Down Syndrome Awareness Day - Rock Your Socks, SpringTime Winter Carnival, Autism Awareness Day, Farm Safety Presentation, Top Tiger Celebration, Top 10 AR Awards, KIN Ball tournament (teachers won this year for the first time) Swimming for Grade 4's and 4-5's Looking at swimming for grades 2, 3 & 4. Discussion occurred and parents feel that this is a positive item. Discussion about also including 5 & 6's in the lessons. Parents are for this. Lana recommends that Grade 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's are offered swimming lessons on a yearly basis. Teachers will take this forward to the staff. Fundraising through the parent council would support this. Opportunities for parents to volunteer May 9th Spring Tea need cakes for the cake auction. June 10th Track & Field Day would be nice to have a few parent volunteers for the different stations. June 24th End Of Year Picnic would the school council like to organize this? This would include kites and bubbles activity stations. During school hours lunch time. School Council will discuss for May meeting

8. Building, Thinking, Classroom Activity - Work on Vertical board spaces, what are some things we can do. Board 1 - What projects or events could our school do to make the school more fun, supportive, or inspiring for students? More family activities ie. dance or movie night. Child Parent Activities ie. Paint Night. Board 2 - What are creative ways we could improve student wellness or learning beyond the classroom? Reset Room, Afterschool Athletics including younger grades, Run/Skip/Jump - FCSS, Bring FCSS into the school for learning activities/crafts, Bring in Parents/Guardians for partnership crafts with kids/students ex Mother's Day/Father's Day. Board 3 - How can we help the school connect with local organizations or our broader community? Involving kids in fundraising opportunities ie Door to Door, Work with FCSS more, Reaching out to businesses Advertising Events through Businesses, More Awareness to existing relationships Looking to invite Gwen from FCSS to next meeting
9. New Business
 - a. Adding The Option For Parents To Join The Meeting Virtually tabled to next meeting looking to start in the new year
 - b. Grade 6 Camp - June 23, 24, 25
 - c. Sessions and Workshops
 - d. School Discipline Restorative Justice Discussion - Parent concerns. Discipline is through teaching when someone is harmed it is treated like healing the harm and repairing the relationships. When is punitive action required? The school still has the ability to use the out of school and in school suspension. A student that is suspended chances of graduating significantly drops if suspended. Process in the case of an incident - Students would have learning about the situation that occurred and work on their regular school work. Different from past situations. Discussion about bringing in Peter the Superintendent. Can more be done. Recommendation that the Superintendent be invited to a meeting or perhaps setting up a meeting specifically to address the Superintendent.
10. School Council Executive - What Does It Mean? Covered in #8
11. Next Meeting : May 21, 2025
12. Adjournment @7:57pm