Elk Meadows School community Council Jan 16, 2025 Minutes

In attendance: Shannon Bird, Lisa Bird, Melissa Darby, Emily Mallory, Julie McEntire, Shauna Hill, Erin Barrow, Tiffany Smith, and Hannah Hartzel

1. TSSA/Land Trust:

We are losing students at our school because our population is aging up; this means that going forward we will have less money from the Land Trust budget. As our money decreases, the salaries for the people we hire increases each year. Principal Smith makes sure to always spend it down. We will continue to spend the money on aids and teachers for our specials classes.

2. Character Strong Vote:

Funds for the new Social and Emotional program won't be available until August. We want to start the 2025-2026 school year with the new program ready. The school will be purchasing access to the program for Hannah Hartzel so she can be familiar with the program before the teachers start to use it. All members on the committee voted yes.

3. Memory Books Update:

Lisa will be sending out one or two reminder emails before the final deadline to order the books. We will take class pictures on February 11th and teachers must have all photos to Lisa by March 7. The office will print a list of who has ordered memory books to have in case parents have questions. Next year Lisa would like an assistant to help collect and organize pictures from teachers. We will use the teachers on the council to do this.

4. Wired Well Update:

Cole has responded. We will pay him for just the assembly this year and hope that next year he will have the supplemental parts of his program complete.

Next Meetings: March 20