

Elk Meadows School Community Council
January 3, 2024
Minutes

Meeting started at 9:10

In attendance: Shannon Bird, Lisa Bird, Tiffany Smith, Michelle Oldroyd, Marilyn Richards, Nanette Evans, Elissa Olsen, Lora Forbush, Julie McEntire, Emily Mallory, Kim Wimmer, Laura Jensen, Kelly Giffen, Shauna Hill, Melissa Darby, Caroline Morley

1. Landtrust: The goals for the next school year would be to look at the growth of each student, not just if they are proficient. We would like to see 75-80 percent growth for every pupil. Mrs. Smith presented the list of items we spent the landtrust money on this current school year, and numbers for next year. This included; part of Mr. Duncan's salary, the Visual Arts Program, 6 Literacy Assistants, a Kindergarten Assistant, substitutes for teacher observation and collaboration, and Chromebook renewal. We will finalize numbers and vote in April.
2. TSSA: Money will be spent on instructional coaching, ESL Endorsement Classes and Stipends, substitutes, coaching sub days and stipends, Lead Mentor Teacher, Team Leader Stipends, ESL Assistant, and a ½ day kindergarten assistant.

3. No Cell Phone discussion

Cell Phones/Electronic Device Policy-Elk Meadows: In order to maintain a learning environment free from distractions, safety hazards, and negative influences, we strongly discourage students from bringing electronic items to school, such as: cell phones, iPods, iPads, watches with cell phone capabilities, electronic games/toys, or cameras. The use of these items will not be allowed to interfere with the learning environment of the school.

Possession of a cell phone, or other electronic devices at school, is a privilege that may be lost by any student that uses the device inappropriately. Use of any such device during the school day is not allowed. All cell phones and electronic devices must remain in the student's backpack during the school day. Students may not take these devices to lunch recess or grade level recess. If a student violates this policy, the teacher will confiscate the cell phone or electronic device. If it is the student's first violation, the device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. With any repeated violations, the device will again be confiscated, brought to the office and will only be returned when a parent comes to the school to pick it up.

Any student electing to bring a cell phone or other electronic device to school assumes full responsibility for its care. At no time shall the school or Jordan School District be responsible for preventing theft, loss, or damage to any such device brought on school property.

We started the discussion by reviewing the concerns from teachers at Elk Meadows about technology. Their main concerns are: safety-what is seen on phones that teachers don't have control of, distractions in class, watches, parents calling and texting, kids calling parents without teacher knowledge, and cyber bullying. Phones/watches have become a real problem at our school. Reading our school's current policy on electronics states that all phones and electronic devices should be in backpacks during the school day. These devices may not be out at lunch

or recess. We would like to hold students more accountable for this, and crack down on making sure these items are put away while students are on campus. Administration and teachers worry about parent push back as they ask the students to keep these items in backpacks. Shannon Bird will write a letter to parents reminding them of our school policy and asking for their compliance. This will be given to parents around President's Day so they may discuss with teachers at conferences if needed.

4. Incorporating Music into student learning: There are no music standards included in the drama standards. The school provides music opportunities through the choir program, orchestra, singing at Christmas time, and individual teachers' lessons. Could rhythm and melody be something that the P.E. teachers could also include in their lessons? We will continue to ponder how we can include more music in student learning.
5. Memorybook update: The price for the memory book is now at \$25 a book. People can order until March 22. Melissa will need to have the book finalized by March 27. More reminders for purchase will need to be sent out before the final date. We will ask Natalie Bate if she will take some class pictures for the yearbook.

Next Meetings: 4/3/24