

Elk Meadows Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
9:15 am

Called to Order: 9:18 am

In attendance: Shannon Bird, Lisa Bird, Melissa Darby, Ashley Ivie, Azita Wilson, Caroline Morley, Stephanie Johnson, Kiersten Cole, Sue Davis, Shauna Hill, April Thompson, Tiffany Smith, Marilyn Richards

1. TSSA

Continue through with previous plans and moving forward. Pay teachers for training and coaching. Vote to approve not required, but sharing the information.

2. Landtrust

Playworks package of Recess Reboot – send coach to school to help with helping play for kids. Recess map – where kids are playing and keeping grades apart. Getting kids engaged to keep good healthy play outside and keep problems out of the classroom. Work with recess staff and teachers to help kids know the expectations throughout the day for all recess time. Standardize rules so kids know what is going on. More options of what to do at recess time – kids can't always think of what else to do at recess.

Visual Art Program – digital version of program for Great Artists program to bring into school.

Continue through with various programs we have had in the past.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Bird, Second: Ashley Ivie

3. Social Skills Curriculum - Kiersten Cole School Psychologist

We are seeing more anxiety in children – school refusal – stress of making and keeping friends. Children are referred to Kirsten and she helps them. Come at the school with a “Push-in” method – social skills teaching by the teacher in the classroom. Spend time in the classroom reenforcing the skills taught to help children learn.

Nine skills – one taught per month. Coping skills, anger, anxiety, friends, conflict resolution, etc. Working on research phase of what those skills should be. Interview teachers – what would be best in your classroom. Week 1 – video, Week 2 – activity to review, Week 3 – activity, Week 4 – activity. Throughout month reenforcing the things taught. We are not pushing Social Emotional Learning. We are not pushing Second Step. We are working on things that our school needs individually. Making it more developmentally based – first grade is different on conflict resolution than sixth grade conflict resolution.

4. No Homework Policy

Put on agenda for next time to review how this year has gone.
How is it working for teachers?

5. 6th Grade Looking Forward

Need feedback from parents. Five teachers in 6th Grade are needed for next year. Then down to three teachers to the next year. Compartmentalize teaching for one year. Language Arts teacher and Math teacher – working together – would teach all children in the grade. Possibly sharing Science teacher. Hard for teachers to transition grades for one year – learning and working with new curriculum. Tentative schedule of the day: 75 mins instruction, Walk to Read, 80 mins instructional time, lunch, specials, 60 mins instructional time, 30 mins response to intervention time (small groups).

Adjourn: 10:18 am

Next Meetings: 5/18/22