

Elk Meadows Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
9:00 – 10:10

In attendance: Tiffany Smith, Susan Davis, Shauna Hill, Shannon Bird, Ashley Ivie, Stephanie Johnson, and Caroline Morley

Spencer Duncan, theater teacher, dropped by our meeting to introduce an idea to our council. He would like to do a kids play next school year. He needs signatures of those who will read the script for approval. He will send the script, available on a limited timeframe, to read and review and give your approval for the school to move forward.

STEM Rotations

Currently have library, PE, drama (theater) and computers. Computers are the least favorite rotation because the kids have more “work” to do in this rotation than any other. Our computer lab will be switching over to a lab of chromebooks instead of large computers. The district has a variety of ideas to use tech tools in our computer lab rotation – ozo bots, robo bots and such. We will be adding these tools and the district will provide training for the computer techs.

No Homework School

This is a done deal. No Homework School will start next school year 2021-2022. Kids will still be required to read each night and do any unfinished work from school. Suggested names of We finish our work school or others were suggested instead of saying No Homework – to give people the understanding that work must be completed. Teachers will provide a bi-monthly or monthly newsletter to parents, depending on grade class. It will include essential standards that are being worked on in class and example problems to practice at home to help parents feel involved in their child’s learning. It may include upcoming events, and other information and happenings (including other subjects) from the classroom.

95% Walk to Intervention Program

The K-3 teachers have been trained in this program and have been implementing it in their classrooms this current school year. Grades 4-6 will begin implementing it next year. The district has approved the program to be used district wide beginning next school year. Students take a diagnostic screening test with phonics and phonemic awareness – this allows teacher to know where children are missing certain skills to help get them up to speed. There is whole class and small group instruction. The small group instruction helps those who need areas filled in and provides extensions for students ready to do more. For this program to happen throughout the whole school effectively, we need four literacy assistants available to help in the classroom. The assistants will be paid from trust land money.

Approve Land Trust

Approval was given per our discussion from last meeting and reviewed in this meeting. We approved spending for Spencer Duncan, theater teacher, four literacy assistants, among other items listed on the Land Trust forms.

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