

Elev8 Homelinks Parent Advisory Council

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Creston Learning Centre (617 11th Street, Creston)

Annual General Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2024

1. Welcome and call to order: 10:00 am
Attendees in person: Dee H., Leslie Z., Diane T., Sabrina v.H., Colleen B.,
Kimberly W.
Online: Chisa J, Lisa O'C.
Guest: Ken Weins, principal
2. Approval of the agenda - amended to add the election of executive officers
Motedioned by: Kim
Seconded by: Sabrina
3. Adoption of minutes from September 18, 2024 meeting
Motedioned by: Colleen
Seconded by: Kim
4. Election of executive officers for the current school year, 2024/2025.
As per the Constitution and Bylaws, all positions are open for election every school year. All positions were filled by acclamation. Thank you to the parents that served for the 2023/2024 school year and to those that are serving now. The following persons comprise the Elev8 Homelinks PAC for the 2024/2025 school year:
Chair: Dee Howard
Vice-Chair: Kim Wozencroft
Secretary: Colleen Bayy
Treasurer: Leslie Zarubin
DPAC Representative: Lisa O'Connor
Member-at-large: *vacant*
Past-Chair: *vacant*
Dee, Leslie, and Colleen retain signing authority.
5. Reports
Principal:
Official numbers have been submitted to the government and funds for student learning and community connections are beginning to be allocated.

Nelson enrollment numbers are similar to last year. In Creston, the grade 10-12 numbers are lower than last year.

EA and Ab ed support positions are still in the process of being filled.

Vancouver field trip to occur next week.

Hardship funds, which are available in bricks and mortar schools, for families who face financial barriers to participation in activities, might be available. Ken to Inquire.

Reminder that internet reimbursements are available for direct payment to parents. Please see Mrs. Boehmer for that paperwork.

Chair:

Teachers have been reaching out to ask for PAC support, which is greatly appreciated. They were receptive to ideas about a sports day.

Kristina L. is seeking input on the entrepreneurial market regarding date and hours. PAC suggested April 12, 2025 for three hours.

Reminder that Rod & Gum club is setting up an aquarium in Mrs.

Riehl's/Ms. Leidums room on Thursday. Kokanee eggs will later be placed in the aquarium. Great opportunity for students to observe.

Ms. Aloha is looking for someone to fix the ukuleles.

Treasurer:

Fiscal year-end is July 31. Account balances as of July 31/24 are:

Gaming: \$8412.84

Savings: \$515.85

Gaming grant has been applied for but unsure if it has been received as yet.

Last statement from the bank was for August, so no new numbers to report since last meeting.

There were 36 orders for school swag, which will be submitted shortly.

DPAC:

BCCPAC is going through some growing pains. There has been the recent resignation of multiple directors as well as the first president, who were all only elected at the AGM in May. Over half of the board positions are currently vacant. In light of this, it was decided to defer securing a BCCPAC membership for this school year. Memberships can be purchased up until the end of the year, so the decision to join can be decided at a future meeting.

DPAC announced at their meeting in September that there was fraud found recently. The treasurer was asked to resign (and did), and both the bank and police are actively investigating.

DPAC AGM to be held on Thursday. Lisa to vote as the new DPAC rep. Colleen is resigning her position as vice-chair of DPAC.

6. Unfinished Business:

Meet & Greet:

PAC will host a drop-in morning on Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 am. The purpose is to build parent community and encourage each other in the homeschooling process. Those that want to help plan, please let any member of the executive know or send an email to the PAC email.

PAC Flyer:

A PAC informational flyer will be distributed via student mail boxes and posted on the PAC bulletin board. It is hoped all parents will receive a copy and be inspired.

7. New Business:

Field Trip to Vancouver:

There is still room for parents to travel on the bus. PAC expressed concern over the \$50 fee students are required to pay out-of-pocket. Ken to investigate hardship funding so that this is not a barrier for anyone. Parents are encouraged to reach out to him, if needed.

Christmas Activities:

Laurie R. asked for PAC to cover cost of pizza for younger grades end-of-year bowling party. Before deciding on the amount, PAC will investigate potential opportunities for older grades as well. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

Presents for Parents:

PAC would like to host another shopping opportunity for students on either December 13 or 18. Last year's event was successful. Many families donated unwanted items, which were "purchased" by the students. Older grades were involved in supporting the event through giftwrapping. Teachers will be given the opportunity to provide input.

DPAC AGM:

The candidates for the DPAC AGM were discussed and PAC voted on who they wanted to have Lisa cast the Homelinks vote for.

8. Adjournment: 12:00 pm

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2024 at 10:00 MST.

Please note that for Nelson families this will be 9:00 am.