

# **Elev8 Homelinks Parent Advisory Council**

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Creston Learning Centre (617 11th Street, Creston)

## **Minutes for meeting on May 7, 2025**

### **1. Welcome and call to order: 9:09 am**

Attendees in person: Leslie Z., Kim W., Diane T., Colleen B., and Sabrina v.H.

Attendees online: Lisa O'C.

Guests: Laurie Riehl, teacher, and Brendan Mitchell, teacher

### **2. Approval of the agenda:**

Motioned by: Sabrina

Seconded by: Leslie

### **3. Adoption of minutes from last meeting:**

Motioned by: Sabrina

Seconded by: Leslie

### **4. Correspondence:**

Fund requests from Nelson for trip to Fort Steele

Lisa requested funds to help support the Nelson Homelinks annual trip to Fort Steele May 20-23. In the past, students have been allowed to use their student learning funds but they are not allowed to this year. Sabrina motioned to allot \$50/student towards this valuable trip. Colleen seconded. Motion approved. Lisa to let Nelson staff know.

Fund requests from Brendan Mitchell

Brendan requested \$85 for disc golf equipment. Leslie motioned up to \$200 be spent so that multiple sets can be bought for the benefit of more students. Diane seconded. Motion approved.

Brendan has planned a field trip to Nelson on May 28th and a trip to Lister Park (originally scheduled for June 13th but will be moved to do another Homelinks event). He requested funding for help with busing. PAC reviewed their motion from April to give \$1100 for teachers to use for field trip busing. After consideration and hearing from both Laurie Riehl and

Brendan, PAC is keeping the field trip allotment at \$1100.

5. Reports:

**Principal:**

No updates

**Chair:**

No updates

**DPAC:**

No updates

**Treasurer:**

Last statement current to March 31, 2025

Balance then \$8864.19

Approximately \$3300 withdrawals pending before end of school year

Will begin 2025/2026 school year with a healthy balance

Gaming grant application process has begun

Kim W. added as a signer on the accounts

6. Unfinished Business:

Field Trips - Laurie R. has a day trip planned for Kimberely on June 13th. All grades are welcome to attend. Revelstoke is tentatively planned for September.

2025/2026 Planning - Laurie R. to inquire about accessing KRSS woodshop in the 2025/2026 school year as has been done in the past. Diane investigating woodworking club. Leslie spoke to following through on investigating potential sewing club.

Spring Fling Family Dance - This will be held Friday, May 30th at Rotocrest Hall (at the rec centre in Creston). There will be a DJ and a family dance from 5:00-7:00 pm. Some refreshments to be provided. From 7:00–9:00 pm tweens and teens are welcome to keep on dancing and encouraged to invite a friend or two.

**\*\*\* Parents are invited to attend a planning meeting**

**Wednesday, May 14 at 9:00 am. There will be opportunities to help with refreshments, decorations, set-up, clean-up, and chaperoning.**

Currently, the dance is planned as a “*parent-led*” PAC-sponsored event (as per SD8 AP 1403), which means it is not

“*school-sanctioned*” and does not allow for teacher involvement. If a teacher volunteers to sponsor, that would be welcome!

Colleen motioned to increase budget from \$600 approved at the last meeting to up to \$1500. Diane seconded. Motion approved.

#### 7. New Business:

It was suggested that PAC and individual parents consider writing a letter of support to advocate for maintaining the same amount of teaching staff for the 2025/2026 school year. The district is projecting a decline in enrollment (across the district - not Homelinks, specifically) and there could be potential cuts to staffing hours. This is speculative, however, letters promoting appreciation of staff could be beneficial.

Silverwood trip planned for June 17th. This is not a school-sanctioned event. Details have been sent in emails and will be sent again. Kim motioned PAC spend up to \$150 to provide snacks at Silverwood to Homelinks students. Diane seconded. Motion approved. Leslie to facilitate this happening. This will allow Homelinks families an opportunity to connect with each other at Silverwood.

PAC welcome-back to school kickoff - PAC would like to host a welcome-back event (such as a pancake breakfast) early in September. **There will be a planning meeting August 27th at 10:00 at Centennial park (water park). Families are invited to meet under the gazebo.**

#### 8. Adjourned approximately 11:07 am.

#### ***Future Meetings:***

**\*\*\* Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 9:00 am PST to plan Spring Fling \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10:00 PST to plan back-to-school event \*\*\***

**\*\*\* September PAC meeting TBA \*\*\***