

Elev8 Homelinks Parent Advisory Council

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Creston Learning Centre (617 11th Street, Creston)

Annual General Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025

1. Call to Order 9:25 am

Attendees: Kim, Leslie, Leanne, Sabrina, Colleen, Traci,
Chisa, Lisa (online)

Guests: Ken Wiens (Principal), Brendan Mitchell (teacher)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Sabrina

Seconded by: Colleen

3. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2025

Motioned by: Leslie

Seconded by: Colleen

4. Election of the executive

All positions were open for election. Nominations taken from the floor as per Constitution and Bylaws. All positions were won by acclamation and will be held for one year.

2025-2026 Elev8 Homelinks PAC executive:

Chair: Kim Wozencroft

Vice-chair: Traci Stonehouse

Treasurer: Leslie Zarubin

Secretary: Colleen Bayly

DPAC representative: Lisa O'Connor

Past chair: vacant

Member at large: vacant until filled

*Kim, Leslie, and Colleen have signing authority with bank

5. Reports

a. Principal

Registration numbers are similar to last year. There is an increase in students in lower grades and a decrease in higher grades. Approximately 92 K-9 students, 36 students in Nelson.

Student Learning Funds are beginning to be accessed. \$400 available for grade 10-12 (enrolled in 4+ classes) and \$600 for K-9. Reminder that the process requires three steps: (1) consultation with the teacher for their agreement and signature, (2) principal approval, and (3) clerical to make the purchase. No funds can be reimbursed, except for the internet (to be done in the spring). An email was recently sent to families to remind of this.

New clerical support this year. Ab-ed support worker at both Creston and Nelson locations.

No grade 10 cohort this year due to lack of enrollment. High school teachers also support DESK students.

b. Treasurer

PAC spent \$6600 in the 2024/2025 school year. Major expenditures included field trip support, spring dance, grad support, and various purchases for the school (ukuleles and sporting equipment).

The BC Gaming Grant was recently deposited in the account in the amount of \$3300. Based on enrollment numbers, \$720 to be allocated to Nelson for them to use at their discretion (as per gaming requirements).

Leslie to complete the required gaming report that shows how the funds were spent.

c. Teacher

Mr. Mitchell (grades 7-9) switched his cohort days to Thursday and Friday this year. This will allow an EA to be able to support his class better on Thursdays. He will be available for office hours and support on Wednesdays.

d. DPAC

No report at this time.

e. Nelson

There is a need for continual advocacy for families still looking to access resource teachers or counselling staff.

6. Old Business

a. Sewing club

Chisa researched machines available for use and seven appear to be in working order. She will gather interest for sewing lessons and plan to begin after Christmas. This will potentially be for middle and high school students, with possible exceptions for keen students in younger grades.

7. New Business

a. Christmas family dance

Traci will inquire about facility rentals and report back. Potential date suggested November 28, based on rental availability.

Laurie Riehl has offered to be the teacher liaison.

A sub-committee will be needed to plan the details.

b. Westcoast seeds fundraiser opportunity

Colleen has applied for the opportunity to take part in this fundraiser in early 2026. Will be discussed further at the next meeting.

c. Gleaners food donations

Due to a scheduling conflict, there is a need for parent volunteers to pick up the Gleaners food donations every Wednesday. This food is used for student snacks and for families to take home. A google event has been created for sign-up. There has been a good response to this with only a few dates left in December.

d. Friday Walk and Talks

Taking place at the Community Wetlands (off 24th St), after drop off on Friday mornings. This is an opportunity for parents to gather and build community. Happening every Friday, weather dependent.

8. Next meeting dates

The next meeting is set for November 12th, after drop-off. Additional meetings for those interested in helping plan the Christmas dance will be posted.

9. Adjourned at 10:52 am.