

Elev8 Homelinks Parent Advisory Council

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Creston Learning Centre (617 11th Street, Creston)

Minutes for meeting on November 12, 2025

1. Welcome and call to order: 9:17 am

Attendees in person: Kim, Melanie, Leslie, Colleen, Sabrina, Chisa, Jenna, Leanne

Attendees online: Lisa O.C.

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

2. Approval of the agenda

Motioned by: Melanie

Seconded by: Sabrina

3. Adoption of minutes from last meeting:

Motioned by: Chisa

Seconded by: Leslie

4. Correspondence

British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils - emails regarding membership renewal and members only leadership summit.

Discussion about benefits and/or drawbacks of joining BCCPAC. PAC agreed to not join at this time.

5. Reports

Principal:

Learning updates will be available the first week of December. Teachers will be reaching out for portfolios.

K-9 enrollment: 98 Creston, 32 Nelson

10-12 enrollment: approximately 12 full-time equivalents. Room for more students.

Student learning funds - families are accessing them. Guidelines on school website about how those can be spent. Internet reimbursement is available in April if families would like to use SLF in that way.

Chair:

None

DPAC:

AGM postponed to this month due to lack of quorum. BCCPAC memberships due.

Treasurer:

Gaming grant of \$3300 should have been deposited recently. Current statement unavailable due to postal issues. Gaming grant report due soon.

6. Unfinished Business**Winter Dance:**

Traci has begun researching venues etc. Prices elevated due to Christmas season. Discussion about postponing event due to January or February. Attendees agreed.

Gleaners Food Pick-Up:

Thank you to all parents that have volunteered to do this. December and January dates are needing to be filled. Some boxes are quite heavy when filled, so please rearrange items or ask for help carrying them. Please note that empty boxes can be returned to Gleaners.

Sewing Club:

Chisa has prepared a survey to be sent out to gather interest. Mr. Mitchell to be teacher sponsor. Question about whether student learning funds can be used for materials. Mr. Mitchell to inquire about this.

7. New Business**Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser:**

Last year, Colleen submitted an application for PAC to be eligible to participate this year. Fundraiser to run January 30 - February 20, 2026. PAC will receive 40% commission from the sale of seeds. These monies will be available to be spent at PAC's discretion (as opposed to Gaming Grant funds which has targeted uses). More information will be available in December.

Resource Catalogue:

Mr. Mitchell is trying to create/re-instate a resource catalogue for teachers and parents to access. This would allow families to sign out resources to use at home (i.e.

microscopes). May need volunteers to help itemize items. Will let PAC know if this is needed.

Ski-trip:

Two dates to take place in early 2026. Mr. Mitchell will be the teacher organizer, along with Ms. Zimmer. Kootenay home-educators group also provides a series of ski/snowboarding lessons. Lisa will forward the information.

Grade 7-9 cohort:

Mr Mitchell is looking at a spring trip to The Harbour (camp in Riondel). May require parent involvement for chaperoning and meal prep. Blue Lake was considered but cost-prohibitive.

Winter celebrations - K-6 will be going to Tivoli theatre on December 12 and bowling on December 19. 7-9 class exploring a Secret Santa gift exchange.

8. Adjourned approximately 11:00 am. Next meeting Wednesday, December 3, 9:00 am MST