

Centennial Parent Committee

Meeting Agenda June 6, 2025

Members:

- Peter Doyle
- Jill White
- Melissa Schuster
- Tara Shaw
- Hillary Dinning-Smith

Attendees:

- Jill White

Agenda & Minutes items for consideration:

1. For some ideas and consideration about a time capsule, here is a resource: **Making a Time Capsule** <https://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/educational/timecapsule/index.html>
 - a. If capsule is outside, increases the complexity of construction to weather-proof
 - b. Could be a monument of sorts that commemorates the occasion with a plaque and the capsule/barrel is stored in basement of school
 - c. Could be a podium of sorts made of bricks on east side of school on patio
2. How to involve students in the design of the time capsule? We do have pallets of bricks from original building
 - a. Require criteria / constraints
 - i. Students may model or draw designs
 - ii. Require dimensions (based on cost & material)
 - iii. Parent/Community input re: budget for size and material
 - iv. Monument could be functional
 1. Outdoor stage
 2. Teacher podium

- b. Location (TBD) requires site locate for utilities – CBE would arrange
 - c.
- 3. Location (basement, school yard) -
 - a. see #1 above
 - b. Require an engineer to stamp: we do have a former student in final year of engineering who could perhaps assist
- 4. Construct trophy case to display artifacts – we do have cabinet panels from original building.
 - a. We do have trophies in basement (parents could sort artifacts)
 - b. Community members maybe have prior yearbooks?
- 5. Do we need anything in the Elbow Park Resident Association newsletter at this point?
 - a. Gather artifacts over the summer?
 - b. This can be a student project in the Fall...
 - c. Do we have any original graduates in our community still?
 - d. Create an alumni registry (email)
 - e. CBE Staff / Teachers alumni for reunion
 - f. Memorial drive trees are already outside – plaque to commemorate...reach out EP Resident Assoc re: historic designation...
 - i. Are their stories from past alumni from service personnel
 - ii. Memorial for veterans and / or current personnel
 - g. How many legacy families went through EPS and are still around?
 - h. Glenbow Museum as a resource...
- 6. Fundraise:
 - a. gala as a reunion...
 - b. Centennial merchandise (logo on kid shirts, hoodies)...kids design the art...
- 7. Mural – paint or ceramics...

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Parent Email

As shared at our recent School Council and Parent Society meeting, we are excited to begin planning for a momentous occasion — our school's 100th anniversary, which we will celebrate in **September 2026**. Staff have already started designing learning opportunities around this milestone for next school year, and we are now inviting our parent community to be part of the planning process by joining a **Centennial Parent Committee**.

What's Being Planned

The Centennial project will have two major components:

1. Year-Long Learning Theme

Next year, teachers will incorporate the history of our school and the land it sits on into classroom learning. This work will culminate in a **Spring 2026 Open House**, where families and community members can celebrate student learning. We are hosting a **fine arts residency (Calgary Opera)** that would engage students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 in a creative project connected to the Centennial theme.

1. **Costumes**
2. **Set design**
3. **Theatre for the performance?**
4. **New school logo for kids to design...**

2. Time Capsule Project – Fall 2026

In the fall following the open house, we plan to launch a time capsule initiative. Each homeroom will curate artifacts in September and October of 2026. The school will collect and store these in a secure “dry barrel” (from Mountain Equipment Co-op) until a permanent home is decided upon.

How Parents Can Support

We are seeking parent volunteers to help envision and implement the legacy side of this project. Potential areas for parent committee involvement include:

- Designing and building a **structural feature or landmark** on school grounds to house the time capsule or commemorate the Centennial (possibly incorporating original bricks from the historic school building).

- Collaborating with students on the design (with considerations for budget and safety/engineering standards).
- Supporting the **Spring 2026 Open House** (organization, setup, welcoming guests, etc.).
- Gathering and displaying **artifacts or memorabilia** for the open house.
- **Engaging the wider Elbow Park community** in this celebration.