

# Elbow Park Principal Report

**May 7, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

1. **Parent Engagement Survey Results & Feedback** – PDF on [School Planning Engagement webpage](#)
  - a. How to better communicate our School Development Plan – survey indicated by email was only one person and the majority at Council meeting
  - b. Fieldtrip costs, variety and residencies are mostly positive (between 66% to 100%) with some “neutral” responses at 33%
  - c. Volunteering: suggestions to move to random draw rather than first-come-first-served and more advance notice through Room Parents
  - d. Event feedback offered was all positive and one suggesting Fall Fair & Halloween are too close

## 2. Next Year Budget & Staffing –

- a. Question from March Council meeting re: the “Supplies/Other” line item in EPS budget at \$45,100
  - i. How much of this can/is EPPS covering?
  - ii. This amount covers our operating costs such as additional staffing including short-term help and coverage for leaves (“Contract Absences”), collected supplies fees “SSF”, and “Decentralized” including photocopy/paper and other day-to-day costs

Decentralised	\$	1,865
SSF	\$	10,700
ConAbs	\$	32,535
	\$	45,100

- iii. EPPS is covering that \$1865 and parent societies are limited to: classroom & office supplies, technology, furniture, equipment, and school improvements/upgrades (outdoor classroom, playground, etc...)
- b. Current Year:
  - 228 students
  - 12.5 teachers + 2 EA (20 hours)
  - **Current (2025–26) configuration:**
    - **Kindergarten:** 23 students
    - **Grade 1:** two classes of 19 students
    - **Grades 2–3:** three classes of 25 students
    - **Grades 4–5:** three classes of 23 students
    - **Grade 6:** one class of 32 students
- c. Next year
  - 210 students
  - 12 teachers + EA + SA
    - i. **Kindergarten:** 18 students
    - ii. **Grade 1:** two classes of 14 students (AM)
    - iii. **Grades 2–3:** three classes of 23 students
    - iv. **Grades 4–5:** three classes of 23 students
    - v. **Grade 6:** one class of 33 students
  - We will continue to consider friend requests (an online form will be shared later in May).
  - The new Alberta curriculum ensures all students receive complete instruction in their grade-level outcomes, even in combined classes.

- d. Class Placements:
  - i. Parent requests - email [jwfech@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jwfech@cbe.ab.ca). Class placement considerations re: social-emotional and/or academic concerns
  - ii. Friend suggestions for classes next year – parent online form email to follow AGM – **DUE: Sun, May 31 (midnight)**
- e. Historical student count & staffing:
  - i. 2018: 203 students = 11.5 teachers
  - ii. 2019: 209 students = 10.7 teachers + 1 SA
  - iii. 2020: 222 students = 11.3 teachers + 1 SA
  - iv. 2021: 202 students = 11.7 teachers + 1 SA
  - v. 2022: 217 students = 12.3 teachers + 1 EA
  - vi. 2023: 210 students = 12.0 teachers + 1 EA
  - vii. 2024: 232 students = 12.3 teachers + 2 EA's + 1 SA
  - viii. 2025: 233 students = 12.4 teachers + 2 EA's + 1 SA
  - ix. 2026: 210 students = 12.0 teachers + EA + SA

### 3. Next Year Residency Budget

- a. Selection Process / Criteria:
  - i. CBE Values (inclusive, equity, students come first, learning is central purpose, public education serves the common good)
  - ii. EPS School Development Plan Goals (Literacy, Numeracy, Wellness)
  - iii. Provide a variety of unique experiences for students
- b. Programming balance between instructional time and curricular outcomes
- c. Parent & Teacher Input

### 4. Before & After School Care: Child's Play

- a. Our program opens at 7am and closes at 6pm. We are open 8am – 5pm on Professional Development days.
- b. Registration is currently open for next school year. We have full time and drop in options available. If you would like to register, please contact Tara @ [tara@childsplaycanada.ca](mailto:tara@childsplaycanada.ca) or 403-669-2072.

### 5. Opera & Centennial

- evening performance, June 4 at 6:30 will be reserved seating for parents.
- Two daytime shows are for extended family and general members of Elbow Park community. They are June 4 at 1:15 and June 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Parent volunteers are being called upon for the Opera (costumes, singing/stage direction)
- Centennial Brick Landmark – in progress with students

### 6. Current / Upcoming Events:

- Aussie Rules football ended today in PE
- May 21 – Parent Workshop/Focus Group for Resilience Research
- May 25 – Grade 6 Written ELAL PAT
- Sexual Health Unit in Wellness for Gr.3-6 – parent opt-in letter due
- May 29 (10:00-11:00) Parent Appreciation Celebration – **RSVP to follow**
- June 12 (9-10 a.m.) Kindergarten Student Orientation
- Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests:
  - LA – June 4
  - Science – June 12
  - Math Pt. A Calculations – June 15
  - Math Pt. B (problem solving) – June 18
  - Social Studies – cancelled due to Pilot project
- Friday, June 19:
  - i. **Activity Day – Parent Volunteers Needed to run stations: 2-3 per homeroom**
  - ii. **BBQ Fun Lunch (11:00 – noon) – Volunteers Needed**
- Tues, June 23 – Student Variety Show (1:30 – 3:00) **Parents welcome.**
- Thurs., June 25 – Report Cards available online (only until July 30)
- Fri., June 26 - Grade 6 Farewell Ceremony (10:00-11:30) and Dinner (6:00 p.m.)
- **Muffin Mixer Parent Social on Aug. 31, 2026 (7:30 a.m.) - Volunteers Required**

### 7. Next Council meeting – Sept. 17, 2026 (1:30 p.m.)