



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

SCHOOL: Pine Street Elementary School **PRINCIPAL:** Tracey Arbuthnott

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MISSION STATEMENT:

To teach students how to learn, to prepare each student to achieve his/her best and to assist students in becoming contributing members of society.

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRIORITIES:

1. Promote Growth and Success for All Students
2. Enhance High-Quality Learning and Working Environments
3. Enhance Public Education Through Effective Engagement

Staff FTE		Budget	
Certificated	15.024	Salaries	\$2,348,943
Classified	8.722	SES	\$121,708
		Total	\$2,470,651
		Surplus/deficit	\$26,397

SCHOOL PROFILE AND CONTEXT

Administrative Staff:

Principal: Tracey Arbuthnott

Assistant Principal: Kerri Williams (2020/21), TBD (2021/22)

Counselor: Kayla Rusnell – 0.5 full time equivalent (FTE)

Pine Street Elementary Overview:

- Pine Street Elementary School opened in September 1963.
- Pine Street School is an open boundary school for the 2021/22 school year.
- Regular inclusive programming is offered for students in kindergarten (ECS), and grades 1 through 6.
- We are the district designated Play and Learn at School (PALS) site for Sherwood Park. PALS students are between the ages of 3 to 5 years old and receive early intervention programming. Eligibility for PALS is guided by the criteria outlined by Alberta Education. Typically, children registered in PALS have been assessed with mild/moderate to severe disabilities/delays in one or more developmental areas.
- Our 2021-2022 enrolment is approximately 321 students, which included 31 students in the PALS program.
- The school staff is comprised of 16 certificated teachers and 13 classified support staff.
- We have a strong and active School Council and Parent Fundraising Society.



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

School Motto:

- “A Tradition of Pride and Excellence”

Our Mission:

- Our safe and caring school community is built upon meaningful relationships and is committed to providing quality learning opportunities where students achieve academic excellence and become responsible global citizens.

Our Vision

- We act in a manner that models respect, responsibility, and recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of all individuals.
- We endeavor to create confident, caring children through meaningful relationships that are founded upon a belief in empowerment and trust.
- We work collaboratively as a professional learning community building upon a tradition of best practices, so that all students can achieve high standards academically, socially, and behaviorally.
- We interact with students in a manner that promotes creative and critical thinking skills.
- We share and celebrate student, staff, and community accomplishments with pride.
- We welcome students, parents, and community members to be active participants of our learning community.

Our Beliefs

- All children can grow and experience success when provided meaningful and engaging ways to learn.
- Children have the best opportunity for growth when home and schoolwork collaboratively.
- The inclusion of ‘student voice’ contributes to the overall positive learning environment.
- The most successful children are those who take responsibility for their learning and for their actions.

Programing Highlights:

- The school offers two full-day kindergarten programs on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and select Fridays.
- Pine Street Elementary School has two PALS centers; set up with the support and programming from 2 certificated staff, 6 classified staff, and various consultants, including speech-language pathologists (SLP), occupations therapists (OT), physiotherapists (PT), and an assistive technology consultant (AT).
- All kindergarten to grade 6 classes are inclusive. Support is provided for students with diverse learning needs.



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

EIPS' PRIORITY: Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students.

Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments.

SCHOOL GOAL ONE: **Pine Street Elementary will enhance student engagement and achievement by focusing on research-based effective teaching practices and its implementation throughout the school.**

STRATEGIES:

FOCUS YEAR ONE: 2021-22

- This goal centers on research-based effective teaching practices and implementing these techniques throughout the school community. We are going to begin our journey by examining Harry and Rosemary Wong's book "The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher" which focuses on implementing research-based strategies for classroom instruction and correlates with increasing student achievement.
- We also are focusing on the work of Shelley Moore and her differentiation and inclusion models, as well as the use of Universal Design for Learning aspects to refine and enhance teaching and learning practices. Our goal is to create effective learning environments where all our students experience growth in achievement and great success.
- Conversations will continue around the implementation of the Sandra Herbst initiatives. For example, co-construction of criteria, differentiation of instruction, meditative questioning, etc.
- Staff will focus on an asset-based approach to empower our students' learning and teach to students' strengths using multiple intelligences strategies and learning/teaching styles.
- Offer opportunities for educators to participate in peer-to-peer classroom observations throughout the school and within our feeder group of schools.
- We are a student achievement and data informed school that uses the Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading (STAR), Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI), Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) measures as well as teacher experience, insights, and professional judgment to drive and guide our educational practices to meet the diverse needs of our students.
- We will continue to support staff training and promote the implementation of the Fountas and Pinnell: Leveled Literacy Intervention program and math benchmarking, as well as use of the Math Equals manipulatives kits throughout the school. Along with the continued use of the Division's writing continuum throughout our classrooms.
- Staff will employ a variety of technological resources (i.e., Chromebooks, iPads, Google Apps for Education, Brightspace, Learn Alberta, Raz Kids, etc.) to assist with differentiating instruction and finding appropriate levelled resources and modifications for our emergent learners.
- Staff will utilize and refine the methodologies of readers' and Writers' workshop using strategies and Techniques suggested in resources such as Program of Studies, Writing Continuum, Daily 3 for mathematics, Daily 5 for literacy, and Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary (CAFE) techniques in classrooms to meet the learning needs of



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

our students and compliment the professional practices and preferences of our teaching staff.

- Setting high and clear expectations for students using visual, kinesthetic, and verbal management cues.

MEASURES:

- 5% improved overall student achievement on the STAR and MIPI in all grades and PATS in Grade 6 over the next 2 years.
- Use the STAR, MIPI and PATs results, as well as classroom assessments, to guide teaching practices and programming decisions that allow for differentiation of instruction for our students.
- 5% increase in student engagement via the Alberta Assurance Survey.
- Common school-based practices and procedures throughout the school. For example, hallway behaviour, classroom sign out, etc.
- Build a collaborative school culture where all staff feel comfortable actively seeking the advice and expertise from each other.
- 3% increase in staff/parent satisfaction performance measure on the Alberta Assurance Survey.
- 100% of staff will create their Professional Growth Plan (PGP) and meet with administration at the beginning, middle, and the end of the year to review and reflect on their individual professional practice.
- Increase the use of student self-evaluation, reflection, and feedback tools to assess individual academic performance.
- Implementation of student portfolios to show evidence of growth throughout the year.
- Every student will do a writing sample at the beginning, middle and end of the year to highlight their growth and writing gains throughout the school year.
- We will continue to use the STAR reading assessment three times a year to gather data on student growth and literacy development

RESULTS: (To be added for Results Review)



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

EIPS' PRIORITY: Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students.

Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments.

SCHOOL GOAL TWO: **Pine Street Elementary will enhance student's critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity.**

STRATEGIES:

FOCUS YEAR ONE: 2021-22

- Facilitating and enhancing student metacognition by promoting higher levels of processing and emphasizing learning objectives into levels of complexity.
- Focusing on the cognitive, affective, and sensory domains as outlined in Bloom's Taxonomy of cognitive learning and thinking. Bloom's Taxonomy is displayed in all the classrooms and referenced with grade specific explanations, definitions, and wording.
- Continued use of Fountas and Pinnell intervention tools and Leveled Literacy Intervention kits to promote literacy development and student growth.
- Implement a fall, winter, and spring writing sample for all student's classroom portfolios and reference the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) writing continuum to assist with leveling our student's writing and showing individual gains throughout the school year.
- Using rubrics and exemplars when developing student's learning expectations by co-constructing assessment criteria and self-assessment with our students (Sandra Herbst).
- Implementing a variety of web-based applications and technology in classrooms and individual lessons to enhance inquiry methods (i.e., Google Apps for Education, Raz Kids, Brightspace, etc.).
- Linking STAR results, Guided Reading levels, Fountas and Pinnell benchmarks and Raz Kids to accurately assess student achievement levels.

MEASURES:

- 5% increase in student achievement as seen through the STAR, MIPI and the Grade 6 PATs.
- 90% of students will be able to identify levels of Bloom's Taxonomy in accordance with their thinking strategies.
- Individual student portfolios will demonstrate student growth throughout the year.
- School/classroom assessments will be adapted to incorporate Bloom's Taxonomy, higher levels of thought, and metacognition processes.
- The school will use a common language of thought processes based on Bloom's taxonomy and metacognition processes.



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

- Promote professional development sessions in critical thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving. Students will be able to use metacognition strategies to verbalize their thinking skills as they are solving problems.
- Students will create and share their inquiry-based projects in their classrooms and/or school.
- In applicable situations every class will participate in co-constructing criteria and self-assessment with their students (Sandra Herbst).

RESULTS: (To be added for Results Review)



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

EIPS' PRIORITY: Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments.
Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement.

SCHOOL GOAL THREE: Pine Street Elementary will maintain a positive school culture promoting the academic, emotional, and social needs of students.

STRATEGIES:

FOCUS YEAR ONE: 2021-22

- Promote a liberal art (integrated studies) approach throughout the school to promote well-rounded growth and development in our students.
- Continue to work closely with our School Council and parent stakeholders to support and enhance our parent engagement levels.
- Classroom management focused on positive behavior procedures and expectations.
- Staff will model a culture of mutual dignity and respect.
- Implement a recognition system for our students who demonstrate positive role modeling within the school by catching kids doing the right thing and highlighting these positive behaviors with sunshine calls home, motivational stickers, bear paw pins, and fun crazy hair Pine Street pens.
- Continue to build resources to promote diversity and acceptance throughout our school with a broad focus on different types of families incorporating LGTBQ.
- The implementation of an in-depth, multi prong approach to our First Nations, Métis and Inuit education to promote cultural exposure and acceptance of diversity within our student population (i.e., blanket exercises, author visits, EIPS's consultant visits, establishing an outdoor learning environment with a focus on related First Nations, Métis and Inuit lessons, referencing the Seven Sacred Teachings in our character education and school community, incorporating Indigenous games/literature, implementing Edu-Kits and Indigenous resources in the classroom setting, etc.).
- Utilize Family and Community Services - Solutions Navigators for those families facing life challenges and need supports outside of the school's responsibilities.



SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021


MEASURES:

- 2% increase in staff engagement via the Alberta Accountability Pillar survey.
- 2% increase in student engagement via the Alberta Accountability Pillar survey.
- 2% increase in performance measure survey results with regards to parent satisfaction via the Alberta Accountability Pillar survey.
- All staff will have a better understanding of the cultural direction of the school and contribute to the overall positive climate and welcoming approach. Staff are focusing on their strengths and are encouraged to share their ideas and being actively involved in creating a safe and positive learning and working environment.
- Promotion of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), grade cohorts, Brightspace cohorts, etc.
- Staff feel more comfortable seeking guidance from other staff members who have specific experience or expertise to share.

RESULTS: (To be added for Results Review)


SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

LEARNING GAP ALLOCATION

Check all that Apply	Categories	Proposed Distribution of Funds
	<p>Hiring to enhance the Learning Gap support for student:</p> <p>We will be utilizing this funding for our Education Assistants who are currently trained in Leveled Literacy Interventions (LLI), Phonemic Awareness and Numeracy Interventions to support students in the classroom and through small group pull-out.</p> <p>We will follow a collaborative model with classroom teachers and Educational Assistants to inform practices, identify at-risk students, and implement the required differentiated interventions for students to achieve success and address learning gaps.</p>	<p>\$ 10,368</p>
	<p>Support for professional learning:</p> <p>Our current cohort of Educational Assistants are trained in the intervention strategies mentioned above and will continue the practice of differentiating instruction that we started during the 2020-21 school year.</p>	<p>\$ 0.00</p>
	<p>Materials/resources or non-capital equipment for the classroom:</p> <p>At Pine Street Elementary we are fortunate to have several resources available to utilize when programming to meet individual learning needs. For instance, we have a wide range of Leveled Literacy Intervention kits, classroom reading resources, Phonemic Awareness resources, the Equals Math resource, numeracy benchmarking kits, etc. At this time, we will not be purchasing any further resources and will continue to utilize the collection we have on hand.</p>	<p>\$ 0.00</p>
		<p>Total Allocated</p> <p>\$10,368</p>

SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN May 2021

SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ALLOCATION

Check all that Apply	Categories	Proposed Distribution of Funds
	<p>Hiring to enhance the social emotional support for student: We will be assigning additional time to our Educational Assistants to work alongside our counsellor to develop and implement differentiated supports for students requiring social/emotional supports. This will include individual and small group instruction focused on mental health strategies, social awareness and fostering positive self-image.</p>	<p>\$ 9,064</p>
	<p>Support for professional learning: The staff at Pine Street Elementary will receive information on professional learning opportunities available and work with our school counsellor to address areas requiring further training if needed.</p>	<p>\$ 0.00</p>
	<p>Materials/resources or non-capital equipment for the classroom: At Pine Street Elementary we are fortunate to have a variety of resources at our disposal. Our counsellor will be using her current resources, training, and expertise to program for the student needs and coordinate the learning interventions supported by the Educational Assistants to address the needs throughout the school.</p>	<p>\$ 0.00</p>
		<p>Total Allocated \$9,064</p>