

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting**  
**March 4, 2024**

**Attendance:**

Falon Boll	Meghan Black	Lana Bohnet
Leanna Feser	Jill Stoney	
Dayna Crossland	Nadine Szybunka	

*Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30pm*

**Correspondence:**

- Informational email regarding the annual conference (95th anniversary) was received. Dates for this year will be April 26-27, 2024.

**New Business:**

- None

**School Report:**

- Pink Shirt Day
  - EEE celebrated Pink Shirt Day on February 28, 2024.
  - The main message surrounding the Pink Shirt Day of anti-bullying was addressed with further emphasis this year on the main focus of the silent bullying or behind the scenes bullying. Kids joined in an assembly to discuss related topics and strategies encouraging each individual to "say something".
  - The afternoon was spent with the students working with their buddy grades to create an inspirational wall display located just outside the staff room doors.
- Assurance Survey
  - Survey was sent out to grades 4 & 10 parents, as well as staff.
- Track Team – March 6
  - EEE is sending four track teams (two girls and two boys) to Edmonton on March 6, 2024.
  - Prior to the track team's departure, the school will hold a school wide pep rally to send them off.
- School Skating
  - School skating for the year has concluded. The students all really enjoyed it.
  - The costs associated with the school skating will be paid by the Parent Fundraising Committee.

- Parent Teacher Conferences
  - March 19&20, 2024
  - Phone or in person options available.
  - Appointments can be booked beginning the week of March 11, 2024.
  
- Book fair
  - The book fair will run to coincide with parent teacher interviews.
  - In person only, no virtual component.
  
- Music Festival
  - The music festival will run the week of April 17-19, 2024.
  
- Kindergarten Registration
  - Scheduled for April 3, 2024.
  - Children and families will attend an assembly and receive a school tour.
  
- School Council Workshop
  - NGPS sent out a survey regarding workshop options to school council representatives.

### **School Trustee Report:**

#### **Northern Gateway Public Schools**

#### **Trustee Report**

Date of Report: February 22, 2024

Submitted by: Trustee Deb Koloski ([deb.koloski@ngps.ca](mailto:deb.koloski@ngps.ca))

#### **Highlights from Board Meeting - February 13, 2024**

**NGPS Vision, Mission and Values** - The Board began the meeting by recollecting our NGPS Vision: *Northern Gateway Public Schools strives to be the place where students realize their value, discover their talents, and imagine a future where their contribution matters.*

**Presentation: Randy Lovich - Director of Facility Services.** Randy shared with us the IMR Projects for the 2023-24 school year. (Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal Program). The Board approved the 2023-24 IMR Plan plan as presented.

**Presentation: Jason Yaremchuk - Director of Information Technology.** Jason provided the Board with an overview of the current technology plan in Northern Gateway. At the present time we are in cycle 2 of the four year evergreening program which is designed to keep schools equipped with updated computers for student use. Our schools are very fortunate that all students have access to a computer and excellent internet access. Our technology team continues to work hard to ensure that we are up and running 24/7.

**Advocacy Committee** - The Advocacy Committee informed the Board that they were in the final stages of completing the brochure, which will be distributed to School Council's in March.

**Critical Incident Response** - Superintendent Bird reaffirmed that parents have easy access to the parent Safety Information link which can be accessed on the website.

**Recruiting Teachers** - Superintendent Bird has attended a number of events at different post-secondary institutions to connect with future teachers.

**Educational Assistant Professional Development** - Deputy Superintendent Jodry and her team organized a one day workshop for all Educational Assistants during teachers convention. (except Valley View as their teachers attend Grande Prairie for convention). The day was very successful and it gave the EA's the opportunity to hear keynote speakers as well as the opportunity to attend other sessions that were tailored to the needs of the students they are working with.

**Upcoming Events** - Board Tours - Feb. 27 - 28 and March 11 - 12

- Alberta Rural Education Symposium - March 3 - 5

**Next Board Meeting: February 19th, 2024 @ 10 a.m.**

**Other Business:**

- None

**Next School Council Meeting:**

- Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 5:30pm

*Meeting Adjourned @ 6:08pm*

