

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting  
April 29, 2024**

**Attendance:**

Jody Braithwaite	Deb Koloski	Lana Bohnet
Leanna Feser	Jill Stoney	Nolan Andriuk
Dayna Crossland	Diane Hagman	Christina Gilroy

*Meeting Called to Order @ 5:20*

**Correspondence:**

- Jill Stoney attended the ASCA Annual Conference in Edmonton, April 26-28, representing EEE School Council. There were many topics covered, with a key take away of increasing parent engagement in school council at EEE. One opportunity to increase engagement with those who cannot attend in person, is providing parents with the option to contribute ideas, questions or concerns via email, which will then be brought forward at the meeting.

**New Business:**

- None

**School Report:**

- Athletics
  - Run 4 Fun practice started April 29, with 100 EEE students registered for the June 1<sup>st</sup> run in Whitecourt.
  - Badminton practice for grades 5-6 starts May 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue every Wednesday. This practice helps prepares students for the rigor of extracurricular sports as they enter junior high.
- Music Festival
  - Both EEE choral speech groups were recommended to attend the virtual Provincial Music Festival. Videos of each group have been recorded and submitted and are awaiting adjudication and results.
- Budget/Staffing
  - Budget was released today and must be submitted by May 10. Intent forms will be sent to all EEE Teachers and EAs to plan staffing for the next school year.

- Education Week – The ATA changed the date of Education Week, which coincided with the Music Festival, so EEE will be recognizing Education Week May 6-10 with many fun activities.
  - Grades K-3 will be decorating placemats for the Auxiliary Hospital and the Lodge.
  - Grades 4-6 are coloring bookmarks which will be given out at the Mayerthorpe Library.
  - Annual Kinder Egg drop.
  - Music Festival Awards
  - Speakers & Readers
- Hats on to Mental Health – May 8<sup>th</sup> Watch for more info on the Elmer Elson Facebook page
- School Panorama Photo – Smart Photography will be coming June 10 or 11.
- ECS Farewell Pictures – Smart Photography will be coming May 9.
- Volunteer Appreciation – May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Invitations will be sent out the week of May 6-10

### **Trustee Report:**

#### **Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Report**

Date of Report: April 29, 2024  
Submitted by: Trustee Deb Koloski ([deb.koloski@ngps.ca](mailto:deb.koloski@ngps.ca))  
Trustee Diane Hagman ([diane.hagman@ngps.ca](mailto:diane.hagman@ngps.ca))

#### **Highlights from Board Meeting - April 16, 2024**

**NGPS Vision, Mission and Values** - The Board began the meeting by recollecting Our Motto: *Learning for Life. Together.*

**2024 - 2025 School Calendar** - The Board approved the 2024 -2025 School Calendar as presented.

**2024 - 2025 Technology Access/Maintenance Fees** - The Board approved the Fees as presented. No increase for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

**Locally Developed Courses** - The Board approved the following Locally Developed Courses from the Northland School Division (at no cost to our Division) Traditional Land Based Learning - 25-5 (5 credits) 35-5 (5 credits).

**Policy Committee** - The Board reaffirmed the following policies as amended.

\*Policy 19 - Establishment of Electoral Ward Structures

\*Policy 8 - Committees of the Board

\*Policy 2 - Board Operations

**Ward Boundary Review Recommendation - Moved that the Board directs Administration to prepare a bylaw that:**

1. Maintains a nine (9) person Board of Trustees in the next term;
2. Adjusts ward and subdivision boundaries to align more directly with transportation areas;
3. Provides for the amalgamation of Ward 1, Subdivisions 3 and 4 with two Trustees to be elected at-large; and
4. Provides for the amalgamation of Ward 3, Subdivisions 2 and 3 with two Trustees to be elected at-large.

**2024 Teacher Induction Ceremony** - Northern Gateway Local 43 and Northern Gateway Public Schools will be inducting our new teachers into the Education Profession on May 2, 2024. The Celebration will be held in Whitecourt.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 7, 2024, at the Division Office in Whitecourt @ 10 a.m. Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

**Other Business:**

- None

**Next School Council Meeting:**

- Monday, May 27, 2024 @ 5:30pm

*Meeting Adjourned @ 5:49pm*

