

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting  
May 27, 2024**

**Attendance:**

Nadine Szybunka	Deb Koloski	Lana Bohnet
Leanna Feser	Nolan Andriuk	Diane Hagman

*Meeting Called to Order @ 5:35pm*

**Correspondence:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**School Report:**

- Grade 6 Outdoor Ed
  - March 28&29/24 at Camp Warwa
  - This year the group is supplying their own food to mitigate costs.
- Senior's Week Kick Off
  - June 3/24
  - Auxillary and lodge bringing guests over
  - Grade 1s invite grandparents to read before snacks and entertainment in the gym. All are welcome.
  - Grade 5 heritage fair set up in the gym to coincide with Senior's Week. Starts Friday, May 31.
- Bike Rodeo
  - June 4/24
  - K-3 included
  - Assembly to begin, stations set up to remind kids of bike safety rules associated going into biking season, including helmet checks.
- Kindergarten Orientation
  - June 4 @ 9:30am
  - Playschool will bus kids over. Open to all kindergarten kids joining EEE in the fall of 2024.
- Field Trips
  - Grade 5 & Kindergarten going this week.
  - All grades going on a field trip

- Swimming
  - Schedule to come out soon.
  - Each class will get two swims
  
- Ice Cream Day
  - June 18/24
  - \$2/cone
  - Part of the student council global citizenship initiative.
  - Money gets donated to a charity of choice made by student council.
  
- Sports Day
  - Primary – June 14
    - Kids participate in groups of classmates
  - Intermediate - June 6
    - Kids participate in house league groups
  
- Last ECS/PUF Day
  - June 20/24
  
- Grade 6 PAT Tests
  - June 19/24 – Social
  - June 20/24 - Science
  
- Talent Show
  - June 26/24
  - Grades 3-6 can showcase a talent if he/she wishes.
  
- Slip and Slide
  - Put on by the Mayerthorpe Fire Department
  - June 24/24
  
- Whitecourt Run for Fun
  - Over 100 kids from EEE participating
  - June 1/24
  
- Last day of School
  - Students - June 27
  - Staff – June 28
  
- Provincial Music Festival
  - Nothing has been received back in regards to submission

- Budget/Staffing
  - Similar to last year
  - One retirement this year
  - One current teacher has accepted a probationary contract
  - Budget continues to be a challenge due to rising costs

## **Trustee Report:**

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

Date of Report: May 23, 2024  
Submitted by: Trustee Deb Koloski ([deb.koloski@ngps.ca](mailto:deb.koloski@ngps.ca))  
Trustee Diane Hagman ([diane.hahmani@ngps.ca](mailto:diane.hahmani@ngps.ca))

### **Highlights from Board Meeting - May 7, 2024**

**NGPS Vision, Mission and Values** - The Board began the meeting by recollecting Our Mission: *Northern Gateway Public Schools provides a dynamic and safe learning environment that promotes connection and the authentic application of learning.*

**School Trips:** The Board received presentations on and approved, in principle, the following two school trips:

- 1) Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School International Field Trip - New York, Broadway and the Arts Tour March 23 - 28, 2026, presented by MHS teacher, Katherine Lewis.
- 2) Hilltop Jr/Sr High School Electric Vehicle Solar Challenge - Merritt, British Columbia at the end of May, 2024, presented by HTH teacher, Paul Marinus.

**Draft Three Year Education Plan:** Tammy Davis, Director of Learning, shared highlights from the DRAFT 3 Year Education Plan with the Board. NGPS is in Year 3 of the Education Plan cycle.

**Valleyview New School Update:** Board Chair Gerry Steinke and NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird met with Alberta's Ministers of Infrastructure, Education and Forest and Parks, to discuss requested changes to the current new school project to more effectively address rural needs. The Division will now begin to meet with architects to complete a floor plan and external renderings in a consultative process.

**New Teacher Induction:** NGPS administrators and trustees officially welcomed new teachers into the profession on May 2, 2024 in Whitecourt.

**Administrative Appointments for August, 2024: :**

- \* Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High - New Principal - Kariann Roszko.  
- New Assistant Principal - Reanne Schaber.
- \* Rich Valley School - Principal - Rod Peterson.
- \* Onoway Elementary - New Principal - Marc Ditner.

**Congratulations and farewell to:** Principal Kim Caron and Principal Shelley Wyman.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 28, 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:**

- September 2024

*Meeting Adjourned @ 6:12pm*