

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting  
October 7, 2024**

**Attendance:**

Nadine Szybunka	Deb Koloski	Lana Bohnet	Grant Pudar
Leanna Feser	Nolan Andriuk	Diane Hagman	Jody Braithwaite
Tyler Mattson	Meagan Black	Tamara Ophus	Maureen Polack
Emily Wright	Nadine Szybunka	Falon Boll	Jill Stoney
Danielle Paris			

*Meeting Called to Order @ 5:23pm*

**Introductions**

**Elections of Officers 2024-2025:**

- Chair: Jill Stoney
- Vice Chair: Falon Boll
- Secretary: Nadine Szybunka
- Vice Secretary: Jody Braithwaite
- School Community Member: Lana Bohnet

**Correspondence:**

- None

**School Report:**

- Enrollment – Class Sizes - Staffing
  - 321 total students; highest enrollment since 2007.
  - 2 classes of each grade
- Technology Fee
  - Remained the same at \$32/child for grades 1-6 and \$16/child for kindergarten
  - Allows the school one to one technology and upgraded on a routine cycle to keep technology current.
- Terry Fox Walk/Run
  - <\$1400 raised for the Terry Fox Foundation

- Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day
  - Students and staff celebrated on October 1/24
  - Kevin Mustus was an indigenous presenter organized and paid for by Little Elmers for the entire school to enjoy.
  - Sasha Martin was an indigenous artist organized and paid for by Little Elmers who came and did Metis dot art with K-2 classes.
  - Various other activities throughout the school; including indigenous art for the fence, traced orange hands on tree display, and buddy classes working together on other various projects.
  
- EICS – Grade 1-6
  - Various screening happening to help teachers identify areas of concern.
  - Some new government mandated screening as announced in July 2024.
  - Helps flag at risk kids
  
- Parent/Teacher Conferences/Format
  - November 5&6/24
  - Phone or in person formats available
  - Book fair to coincide with PTI
  
- EEE Communication – Remind, Facebook, website, monthly newsletter
  - Each classroom has individual Remind, as well as school wide Remind
  - Facebook page used to showcase what is happening at the school
  - Monthly newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month to highlight important dates, announcements and news.
  
- Photo Day – Retakes/ Class Photos
  - October 29/24
  
- Handball Provincials
  - Will take place at Level 1 Sports in Edmonton
  - Grades 3&4 on October 19
  - Grades 5&6 October 26
  - After school athletics for Grades 5&6 have been focusing on handball.

**Trustee Report:**

**Northern Gateway Public Schools**

Date of Report: October 7, 2024

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Trustee Diane Hagman ([diane.hagman@ngps.ca](mailto:diane.hagman@ngps.ca))

Highlights from the Board Organizational Meeting - September 10, 2024

Board Chair and Vice-Chair Elected - Valleyview trustee Gerry Steinke was re-elected as Board Chair and Mayerthorpe trustee Diane Hagman was re-elected as Vice-Chair for the 2024-25 school year.

Committees- Board Committees and Representatives to Organizations were determined as wel.

Highlights from the Board Meeting - September 10, 2024

NGPS Career Exposure Summer Camps - NGPS Director of Learning, Beth Jager, presented to the Board, sharing successes from the Division's Career Exposure Summer Camps. Nearly 200 students, from Onoway to Valleyview, earned high school credits this summer, for free, while exploring career paths and interests. Career Exposure Summer Camps are made possible by the efforts and investment of local and provincial partners, instructors, and educators who are passionate about supporting learners in our communities. Special thanks to RBC Future Launch, Pembina Pipeline, Town of Whitecourt, Brogan Safety Supplies, Schaffer's Welding, Woodlands County, and Careers: Next Generation.

Locally Developed Courses - The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Course, at no cost to the Division:

- Fantasy and Science Fiction 15 and 25 (5 credits each)

29th Annual Employee Recognition & Awards Evening - will be hosted by the Board of Trustees on October 4, 2024 in Whitecourt. The NGPS Employee Recognition Evening brings NGPS staff from throughout the Division together annually to honor the longstanding service of staff and retirees.

Next Board Meeting: - will October 15, 2024, at the Division Office in Whitecourt @ 10 a.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

**Other Business:**

- None

**Next School Council Meeting:**

- October 28/24 @ 5:00pm

*Meeting Adjourned @ 5:58pm*