

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting
January 27, 2025**

Attendance:

Deb Koloski	Jill Stoney	Falon Boll	Dana Crossland
Leanna Feser	Nolan Andriuk	Lana Bohnet	Nadine Szybunka

Meeting Called to Order @ 5:32pm

Correspondence:

- None

New Business:

- None

School Report:

- After school board game club
 - Started January 27, 2025
 - Extension program of the Mayerthorpe Public Library
 - Program will satellite in school the last Monday of the month.
 - Open to grades 4-6
- EEE Athletics
 - Currently basketball is offered
 - Grades 5&6 participating
 - Mondays & Wednesdays after school
- 2025-2026 School Year (Draft)
 - Draft circulated.
 - Will be voted on at next NGPS School Board meeting.
- Powerschool Breach
 - A breach saw information stolen from Powerschool from some other school divisions.
 - NGPS has an extra security layer in place that was implemented by the NGPS Technology team, so we were not impacted by the breach.
- Staff Vs Grade 6s Hockey Game
 - January 30 @ 6:00pm
 - Kitchen open
 - 50/50 draw proceeds to be donated to the Apples for Everyone program.
- PD Day
 - January 31, 2025
 - Staff will be focusing on sessions regarding quality learning environments, AI & hopefully virtually sitting in on a session from the autism conference.

- Track Team
 - February 21, 2025 @ The Butterdome in Edmonton
 - Approximately 250 teams participating
 - Grades 4-6

- Pink Shirt Day
 - February 26, 2025
 - Theme: Let Kindness Grow
 - Country Girl Stitches to make the shirts with a custom designed logo

- Music Festival
 - March 12-14/25
 - Choral Speech and Speech Arts – March 12&13 at Elmer Elson.
 - Choir and Vocal Solo – March 14 at Ste Anne’s Church.

- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - March 19&20/25
 - Hybrid model of in person or via phone
 - Book fair will coincide

Trustee Report:

Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Report

Date of Report: January 27, 2025
 Submitted by: Trustee Deb Koloski (deb.koloski@ngps.ca)
 Trustee Diane Hagman (diane.hagman@ngps.ca)

Highlights from Board Meeting - January 21, 2025

Our Vision: Things we Value: Joy in learning. Humility in achievement. Satisfaction in giving. Gratitude in receiving. Dedication to personal responsibility.

Advocacy Committee - The Committee presented the Advocacy Plan and the Advocacy Brochure for 2024 - 2025 . The Board’s Advocacy Committee works to inform the public and government about issues that affect Division operations and student success and safety. The Board approved both documents as discussed with a few minor changes.

Community Engagement Committee - The Community Engagement Committee and Administration are planning for an upcoming session for Division school council representatives. More information will be forthcoming.

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Curriculum Consultation Group - The Division is proud to share that out of hundreds of applicants from across the province, one of our excellent NGPS teachers has been selected to participate in the province’s 20-member Curriculum Consultation group reviewing and providing feedback on changes to Alberta’s Math curriculum.

Bridge to Teaching Program - The Bridge to Teaching program provides certified journeypersons the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Education degree with credit for their trades knowledge and skills. Alberta Education offers a \$25,000 grant to support candidates in attaining their teaching certificate. NGPS has applied for and been accepted for two grants to support two individuals to move into teaching.

Permission Click - Permission click will provide parents with the digital ability to complete permission slips and similar documents on their own digital devices. This process will streamline the paperwork for office administrators, coaches and teachers while meeting all legal standards. More information will be forthcoming.

Next Board Meeting - will be February 18, 2025, at the Division Office in Whitecourt @ 10:00 a.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Other Business:

- None

Next School Council Meeting:

- February 24, 2025 @ 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:59pm

Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Report

Date of Report: January 27, 2025

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

Trustee Diane Hagman (diane.hagman@ngps.ca)

Highlights from Board Meeting - December 17, 2024

Our 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.

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

- 1) Onoway Jr/Sr High School International Field Trip to Athens, Florence and Rome in March, 2027, presented by Lead teacher Steffen Missfeldt and Meghan McNalley.
- 2) Fox Creek School International Field Trip to Spain during Spring Break in 2026, presented by Principal Ian Baxter.

Board Bylaws - The following Board Bylaws were presented and received Third and Final Reading and were passed by the Board.

- Election Bylaw 1-24 *Arrangement of Electoral Wards and Trustees*.
- Election Bylaw 2-24 *Receipt of Nomination Papers* - This bylaw establishes drop off locations for nomination papers.
- Election Bylaw 3-24 *Deposit for Nominations* - This by-law increases the deposit fee to \$100.00.
- Election Bylaw 4-24 *Criminal Record Checks* - received Second and Third Final Reading - This bylaw requires anyone running for the office of School Board Trustee to submit a Criminal Record Check.
- Borrowing Bylaw - 5-24 received Second and Third Final Reading.

Council of School Councils - A meeting of the Council for School Councils will be scheduled to bring together school council representatives from throughout the division. The Council will provide feedback to NGPS on various subject matters. More information will be forthcoming.

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