

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting
January 22, 2024**

Attendance:

Falon Boll	Christina Gilroy	Meghan Black
Leanna Feser	Jill Stoney	Nolan Andriuk
Dayna Crossland	Jody Braithwaite	
Diane Hagman	Nadine Szybunka	

Meeting Called to Order @ 5:36pm

Correspondence:

- School Council Workshop
 - NGPS is currently gauging interest level. If there is enough interest, Jill is willing to attend.

New Business:

- None

School Report:

- EEE Athletics
 - Started basketball on January 22.
 - Available to grades five and six students.
 - Led by two teachers and two high school students.
- Staff/Student Hockey Game
 - January 30 @ 6:15pm at Mayerthorpe Arena.
 - Concession will be open and preparing for a large crowd.
 - 50/50 beneficiary not determined yet.
 - Food bank donation for entry.
- PD Day – Jan 31, 2024
- Pink Shirt Day – Feb 28, 2024
 - The day begins with a school wide assembly in the gym, then students break off into groups for other activities.
 - It is a fun and motivational day for everyone.
- Track Team
 - Time trials started January 22.
 - Equipment borrowed from MHS to complete time trials.
 - The event will be on March 6, 2024 at the Butterdome in Edmonton.

- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - March 18&19, 2024
 - Phone or in person options available.

- Music Festival
 - April 17, 2024 is the date for choir and will be held in Whitecourt.
 - April 18& 19, 2024 are the dates for choral speech and it will be held at EEE.
 - Provincials will be held using virtual submissions; this is not the most ideal option for the students. Discussion surrounding benefits on in person provincial competition versus virtual submission.

- Skating
 - All EEE students will go skating twice in February.

School Trustee Report:

Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Report

Date of Report: January 22, 2024
 Submitted by: Trustee Deb Koloski (deb.koloski@ngps.ca)
 Trustee Diane Hagman (diane.hagman@ngps.ca)

Highlights from Board Meeting - January 16, 2024

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

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

- *Policy 7 - Board Operations
- *Policy 8 - Committees of the Board
- *Policy 2 - Board Work Plan

Advocacy Committee - The Committee presented the Advocacy Plan for the 2023 - 2024 School Year. After discussion and a few editing changes, the Board approved the Advocacy Plan for 2023-2024 Board.

Locally Developed Courses - The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Courses from the Edmonton School Division (at no cost to the Board)

- *Dance 15, 25 and 35 (all 3 credit courses)

These courses could be offered at summer Boot Camp.

Critical Incident Response - Superintendent Bird provided the Board with a detailed overview of NGPS's Critical Incident Response Plan. The Board was provided with information:

- *Hour Zero - a resource to assist in dealing with real time situations .
- *CTIP -Centre for Trauma Informed Practice
- *VTRA - Violence Threat Risk Assessment
- * NGPS Grief and loss process

More information can be found on NGPS website.

Transportation Review- As per motion 5912-23 - that the Board receive an update on the review process of school transportation areas. Superintendent Bird provided the Board with maps that clearly laid out the 5 transportation zones each made up of transportation areas of specific schools:

- *Valley View
- *Fox Creek
- *Whitecourt
- *Sangudo/Mayerthorpe
- *Rich Valley/Grasmere/Darwell/Onoway

School Board Tours - The Board once again will be doing School Tours. The dates are as follows: Feb. 5th (MHS,EEE and SCS) Feb. 6th (OHS, OES and Rich Valley) Feb. 27th (Homeland Colony, Twilight Colony and OAP) Feb. 28th (Hillside, Harry Gray and Fox Creek) March 11th (Rochfort Colony, Grasmere, and Darwell) March 12th (Hilltop, Percy Baxter, Central School and Pat Hardy).

Next Board Meeting: February 13th, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

Other Business:

- None

Next School Council Meeting:

- Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:05pm

