

**Elmer Elson Elementary School Council Meeting
April 28, 2025**

Attendance:

Deb Koloski	Jill Stoney	Christina Gilroy	Dana Crossland
Leanna Feser	Nadine Szybunka	Diane Hagman	

- I. **Meeting Called to Order @ 5:03pm**
- II. **Attendance – Sign in Sheet**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Jody Braithwaite moves to approve agenda
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Jody Braithwaite moves to approve the minutes from March 31/25 meeting.
- V. **School Report:**
 - a. ECS Registration
 - i. April 3, 2025
 - ii. Preliminary numbers look like a smaller group for the upcoming year.
 - iii. 33 currently registered
 - iv. Letter sent home to preschool regarding registration.
 - b. Education Week
 - i. Week of March 31
 - ii. K-3 decorated placemats for the lodge and auxillary
 - iii. Gr 4-6 make bookmarks to keep for give as a gift to a friend
 - iv. Music festival awards were presented
 - v. Gr 5s had career day
 - c. Honoring Spirit Award
 - i. 2 recipients from NGPS
 - ii. 1 from EEE
 - d. School Board Trustee Visit
 - i. Very successful visit
 - ii. School performed a son for the trustees and then school council members were hosts for a tour of the school and classroom visits.
 - e. Mental Health Week
 - i. Hats on for mental health – Wednesday.
 - ii. Wellness coach leading a fun activity displaying the difference between inside emotions and what presents on the outside of a person using the creation of a mask as the platform.
 - f. ECS Farewell Photos
 - i. May 29
 - g. Panorama Photo
 - i. May 29
 - h. Field Trips
 - i. All grades going in May or June
 - ii. Kindergarten – Sassy G Farms
 - iii. Grade 1 – Valley Zoo

- iv. Grade 2 – Prairie Gardens
- v. Grade 3 – Telus World of Science
- vi. Grade 4 – Fort Edmonton Park
- vii. Grade 5 – Aviation Museum
- viii. Grade 6 – Telus World of Science
- ix. Swimming will also hopefully occur in June for each grade.
- x. Kindergarten walking field trips are being planned.

i. **Budget/Staffing**

- i. Hired new grad for May and June.
- ii. Current substitute to stay on part time as a mentor.
- iii. Student teacher – Miss Kuharik hired for remainder of school year.

VI. Other Business

a. **ASCA Symposium**

- i. Jill Stoney attended on behalf of EEE.
- ii. 14 school council representatives from NGPS attended.

b. **ASCA General Meeting**

- i. Online format this year.
- ii. Jill presented results of several motions presented during the meeting that were voted on by school council representatives.
- iii. If anyone has any topics to bring forth as a motion for next year's ASCA AGM, now is the time to start preparing for that.

VII. Trustee Report

Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Report

Date of Report: April 28, 2025

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

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

Highlights from Board Meeting - April 15, 2025

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

Draft Three Year Education Plan - Presentation from Leslee Jodry, Deputy Superintendent and Tammy Davis, Director of Learning. The draft three year plan was presented and accepted as information which will be discussed and finalized at our next board Meeting.

Bill 51: Education Amendment Act 2025 -The Alberta Government introduced Bill 51 in the Legislature last week. The Bill contains several proposed changes, including:

- Removes the ability for school boards to disqualify or remove a trustee for breaching the Board's code of conduct
- Changes to JUPA (Joint Use and Planning Agreements)
- Changes to the teacher discipline process

- Changes new school ownership from School Divisions to Alberta Infrastructure

Bill 13: Real Property Governance Act - Alberta's Bill 13 will ensure consistent handling of public property sales and transfers. Key changes include:

- the government managing a centralized inventory of public property
- granting the Ministry of Infrastructure the ability to purchase surplus school division property at book value and enables the Ministry of Infrastructure to own all new K-12 schools and their properties and lease these back to the school authorities who operate and maintain them.

Exceptional Indigenous Students Honoured: Twelve exceptional Indigenous Students from across Alberta were honoured by the

Alberta School Boards Association on April 14 with an Honouring Spirit:

Indigenous Student Award. The Award recognizes First Nations, Métis and Inuit students from across Alberta who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths. We are proud to announce that NGPS had two recipients this year! Congratulations Cougar Desjarlais, Gr. 6 from Elmer Elson School and Riley Mitchell, Gr. 2 from Pat Hardy School!

Emergency After Hours Number - NGPS now has an after-hours "Emergency" line that can be used for urgent or emergency issues involving student, staff or building safety outside of regular business hours. After-hours: 780-706-8222.

Trustee School Board Visits 2025 - The Trustees have been busy visiting the schools, so far we have visited all of our schools from Whitecourt, east to Onoway. These visits allow the Principals to showcase some of the wonderful things that are happening in their buildings. Later this week will be visiting all of the schools in the Fox Creek and Valleyview ara.

Next Board Meeting - will be May 27, 2025, at the Division

Office in Whitecourt @ 10:00 a.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

- a. None

IX. Next Meeting Date

- a. May 26, 2025 at 5pm

X. Adjournment

- a. 6:11pm

