



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2014-2015 Elmer Elson Elementary

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson: _____ p

Asst. Chair: Andrew Paris

Secretary: Jennifer Lefebvre

Vice
Secretary: L nne LeClerc
ECS Rep: Am Pas

2. Meeting Dates:

- September 22 10 people
- October 20 11 people
- November 17 7 people
- December No meeting
- January 19 9 people
- February 9 7 people
- March 16 7 people
- April 20 11 people
- May 25 10 people
- June No Meeting

3. Major Activities:

- Parents were invited to a Start-up BBQ to welcome them and encourage them to attend school council meetings
- The new NG logo and story was shared with parents
- School documents such as school goals, PAT results, Results review, Budget, school calendar, administrative policies, school attendance policy, staffing plan are shared with the council to keep parents informed about these documents
- Information relating to SLA's at grade 3 level was shared regarding positives and concerns that arose.
- Discussions about ongoing programs at the school such as LLEP, Guided Reading, LLI, Options, Artist in Residence were held
- Ongoing discussions about vandalism and the need for security cameras were held
- Discussed the change in Criminal record checks expectations
- Discussions, questions and comments encouraging parents to provide their input and ideas for decision making at EEE
- The council organized a work schedule for the Fall Cake Sensation at Co-op---This was a fundraiser with the money going to special school projects
- The school council organized and planned a Family dance----This again was a fund raiser for special school projects
- The school council organized a Co-op till tapes collection---parents collect co-op till tapes. 1% of amount collected is rebated to the school for special project. The till-tapes are submitted twice a year.
- The council supported the school as we changed the format of Parent Teacher Interviews to include conferences being held about a month prior to report cards being issued
- The school council was supportive of our new Student Recognition format
- The school was supportive and in favor of the school again offering preordered school supplies on an optional basis
- Education Minister Gordon Dirks mandate for Education was outlined and shared
- Our school trustee presented a report at each school council meeting and answered questions posed by parents
- The EEE parent fundraising society reported regularly at our meetings on their casino and the amount raised from that activity
- School council members attended the Family of School Council workshop in Whitecourt hosted by Northern Gateway

4. Parental Involvement:

- Parents listened to presentations by the principal and teaching staff re: enrollment, staffing, staff changes, P.A.T. results and analysis of the results, Results Review, school goals, school plan, budget, field trips, special programs, class activities, Accountability and Division surveys, Assessment, Interviews, the School Year, Professional Development etc.
- Discussed, asked questions, and provided feedback during /following the presentations listed above.
- Listened to Trustee Schalm's School Board reports and asked questions and discussed items from the reports
- The school council chair shared correspondence and answered questions and lead discussions related to the correspondence.
- The school council chair discussed and planned the School Council meeting agendas with the Principal. She also submitted an article for each school newsletter outlining school council information

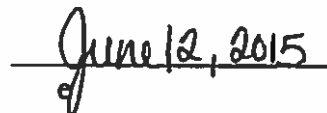
- The School Council hosted a Family Dance as a fund raiser for our school projects and parents who attend regular Council meetings worked at the Dance
- The school council was involved in the following fundraising activities:
Family dance, co-op till tapes collection, fall cake sensation
- The school council worked with the Fundraising society and school as we spent the money raised at our casino

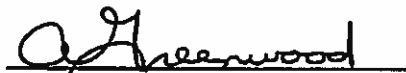
5. Major Challenges


- Attendance at school council meetings was much more consistent this year. Although the numbers were steady it would be nice to see them grow even more
- Finding meeting times that will work for everyone
- We need to find alternative ways to share the information from school council meetings with all parents in order for them to be informed.

We do provide baby sitting at the meetings to make it easier for parents.


School Council Chair


Date


Principal


Date