



# École Leduc Estates School

## School Council Agenda

June 4th, 2025 at 6:30pm

ÉLES School Council will work with the administration and staff to create a safe, supportive environment which challenges students to be confident and successful intellectually, socially, and emotionally. We focus on the entire school community at our meetings. We cannot discuss individual issues. Please see the teacher or administration for these items.

1. Meeting called to order - *Joanna Stokes*
  - Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Welcome - *Joanna Stokes*
3. Introductions - *All Members in Attendance*
  - a. Review and approve June 4th Agenda
    - Approved.
  - b. Review and approve [Minutes from March meeting](#)
    - Approved.
4. Old Business - *Joanna Stokes (10 minutes)*
  - a. [Alberta School Council Engagement \(ASCE\) Grant](#)
    - It was geared towards numeracy and was a great success.
    - Members appreciated the different learning levels to ensure there was something for all participants.
    - Thank you to the administration for organizing and to the Fundraising Society and personal donations to top up the amount required to host the event.
  - b. **ASCA Symposium and AGM**
    - Joanna attended the event from the ELES School Council.
    - Minister of Education and Childcare, Demetrios Nicolaides attended.
  - c. **BGSD ACE Event**
    - Lots of great discussions took place and the questions were challenging but engaging.
    - There was great value in having students attend and that is was well facilitated.
    - The breakout sessions were small in size but gave people the opportunity to share their perspectives.
5. New Business
  - a. **Maturation Unit - Anticipating gov't will require opt-in** [link to curriculum](#)
    - Caregivers currently have to "opt out". However, it is anticipated that it will change to an "opt in".
    - New legislative bill can be found here [Bill 27](#)

**b. Transportation Update - sign up for 2025-26 school year, reduced fees until June 30 [link](#)**

- Ensure you sign up for bussing.
- Kilometers are not changing from the 2024/2025 year.

**c. [Principal's Report](#) - *Erin Keca***

- ACME circus happening on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 3 and 4 music extravaganza was fantastic.
- New photographer will be used next year for school photo's.
- Out of school care (OSC) is being looked into.
  - o It is a minimum of 6 months to get licensing.
  - o Open to certain companies that meet BGSD criteria.
  - o The BGSD has had success with the current provider looking into setting up OSC in other schools.
- There will be some changes to the bell times starting in the fall.
- Mental health week.
  - o Grades 1-3 were separated up to be with different age groups.
  - o Believed it went well.
- ELES will be raising the ceiling for field trip fees.
  - o This does not mean that fees will increase. It will allow to accommodate when certain field trip fees exceed the previous ceiling when required.
- Mother's and Father's Day approach from ELES Lions Look Ahead May 5-9, 2025.
  - o Staff brought up concerns when some children were getting emotional regarding Mother's and Father's Day.
  - o Thought was to accommodate for children with different family structures. It was not meant to be a direction to eliminate Mother's and Father's Day.
  - o After the announcement, concerns were brought up by parents around the messaging.
  - o Below are ideas being brought forward regarding Mother's/Father's Day:
    - Plan to incorporate crafts during mental health week.
    - Seek input and advice from social workers and psychologists for the kids affected.
    - Classroom based, "I appreciate my caregiver" activities.
      - These would allow for students in different circumstances the opportunity to appreciate loved ones in their lives.
  - o Attendees of the School Council meeting brought up concerns and comments around the decision to move away from Mother's/Father's Day.
    - Highlighted the decision that was made was in the minority of all Alberta schools and not directed to ELES by BGSD.
    - It should have been a conversation with the School Council prior to making the decision.
    - It is great to accommodate for children with different circumstances at home. However, majority have Mothers and Fathers.
- Another question raised during the Principal's report. Will the grade 4/5 split continue to 5/6?
  - o It does not appear that it will. Appears that there will be larger class sizes.
  - o Ratio increases area all around Alberta not just BGSD/ELES.

**d. Assistant Principal's Report - *Tarynne Cable***

- Spring fling was great.
- Lots of sporting events such as floor hockey, flag football, badminton and the track meet.
- Jump rope for the heart raised just over \$1700.

- ELES was able to get \$1200 from the Lions Club of Leduc for a sensory room
  - o It is being well used by students.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> the Metis Society is going to be coming to the school.
  - o Will include various activities.
- Dr. Boom was a hit with the students. It was science experiments with Grade 3-6.

#### **e. School Culture**

##### **i. School Wide Celebrations**

- Please see the Mother's and Father's Day approach from ELES Lions Look Ahead May 5-9, 2025. In the principal report minutes above.

##### **ii. Eating time activities**

- Concerns were brought forward regarding watching television during meal times. Reports show that many issues arise when children watch television while eating.
  - o A discussion was held in the fall with staff.
    - Have to acknowledge that staff forgo their mandated breaks to run various school activities and normally eating time is a chance to recharge.

6. Next Meeting Date - **AGM on September 3, 2025** after the Back to School BBQ with 7 positions up for council election.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.