

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Minutes**

1.0 Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm by Chairperson Ridehl Wilson

Members Present:

Ridehl Wilson, *Chairperson*
Nora Semchuk, *Vice Chairperson*
Angela van der Loop, *Secretary*
Jennifer Rowe, *Director*
Tori King, *Director*
Stephanie Willmer, *Director*
Natasha Caissie, *Director*
Sherry Cooper, *School Board Trustee*
Trudy Henry, *Principal*
Becca Hutchins, *Vice-Principal*
Ken Denson, *Councillor Town of Penhold*
Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*

Members Absent:

Natalie Collett, *Treasurer*
Stacie Wadin, *Director*
Heather Neufeld, *Director*
Jill Anders, *Director*

2.0 **Welcome/Introductions**

Ridehl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3.0 **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved By: Nora Semchuk

Seconded By: Natasha Caissie

CARRIED

4.0 **Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2019 meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

Moved By: Nora Semchuk

Seconded By: Stephanie Willmer

CARRIED

5.0 **Reports/Updates**

a) **School Report**

- Budget update, the provincial budget is not available therefore, the school is using a temporary budget estimating temporary numbers. The breakfast program will be unknown until fall but they are not planning on having it. Budget planning is progressing more slowly than normal.
- \$7900 was raised for the spell-a-thon. The money will be used to provide field trips at no cost, replace gym equipment and purchase inclusive education gym equipment. Decisions on gym equipment will be made in the fall.

- Grade 1 and 3 swimming lessons are happening right now.
 - Bike safety talks will be coming up for all grades.
 - The bike rodeo will happen on June 13 for grades 1-3. Hot dogs will be provided for the students.
 - Jeff Willmer has offered to do an intro to golf program with all students on May 27 & 28 during their gym classes.
 - Year end field trips have been booked and online consent forms have been sent out.
 - Splash park dates are being organized.
 - Sports Day is June 19.
 - June 21 is the last day for Pre-K and Kindergarten. It is also National Indigenous People's Day, there will be an indigenous breakfast of bannock and berries.
 - Year end assembly will be June 27 at 11 with student dismissal at 12.
- b) **School Board Trustee's Report** (Sherry Cooper)
- Budget is unknown. School division is advising schools to budget without some of the extra program money (ie breakfast program, class improvement fund) that had been available.
 - New Minister of Education is well known to the Division. Hoping she will be approachable.
 - Board is going into negotiations with the teachers.
 - Caucus of rural school boards is meeting to determine what key messages should be discussed with government.
 - Priorities for capital plan have not changed, a new Penhold Elementary school still number 2 on the list.
- c) **Town of Penhold Report** (Jamie Seiyama and Ken Denson)
- Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*
 - Bottle drive for PYC, door hangers are being put out today and tomorrow, bottle pick up will be next Wednesday.
 - May 25 is the community garage sale. Kick to the curb is May 25 & 26.
 - Spring clean up bins will be out May 24 to June 3.
 - Motivational speaker, Danielle Reed is coming to Innisfail on June 1, no cost to attend.
 - Ken Denson, *Councillor Town of Penhold*
 - New playground (Crittter's Corner) construction is underway.
 - Looking into bringing affordable housing into Penhold.
 - Would like to see more sports fields (ball diamonds, etc) since they seem busy.
 - The Foundation for Lindsey More (Smiles Thru Lindsey) may be providing \$10,000 to be put into local schools for mental health.
- d) **Executive's Report**
- (i) Correspondence/Email
 - Align newsletter.
 - Alberta school council association, survey to be completed by Ridehl.
 - (ii) Community Services Advisory Board (CSA)
 - Fall festival meeting next week.
 - Campground has reduced the rate to \$20/night for the fall festival weekend.

6.0 Business arising from prior Minutes

a) ASCA Conference and AGM Report – Ridehl Wilson

- See the attached report for information regarding the AGM.
- Very informative meeting.
- Talked to some companies about playground construction to see what is available if we decide to raise money to add additional equipment to the Jessie Duncan playground.
- Discussed break out sessions and keynote speaker (Jody Carrington).
- Opportunity to sign up for a monthly online survey with ASCA.
- Discussed the possibility of the Penhold PACs providing funding to send a representative to attend the conference and AGM each year.
- Free workshops are available through the ASCA.

7.0 New Business

a) Staff Appreciation

- School council would like to provide lunch for the Jessie Duncan staff on June 17.

Motion for:

- Using up to \$500 from the general account for a staff appreciation lunch on June 17.

Moved By: Ridehl Wilson

Seconded By: Stephanie Willmer

CARRIED

b) School Council Survey

- May be beneficial to complete to encourage parent involvement.
- Sample letter and questions were provided from another school.

Motion for:

- Sending a survey to parents at the beginning of June.

Moved By: Ridehl Wilson

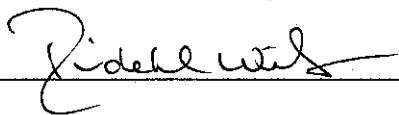
Seconded By: Angela van der Loop

CARRIED

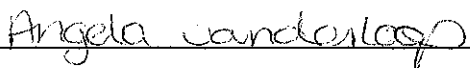
8.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7pm.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm.

Minutes Approved on the 18 day of September, 2019.



Chairperson



Secretary