

Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Minutes

1.0 Meeting Called to Order at 7:32pm 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*
Mark Crawford, *Acting Principal*
Becca Chmelyk, *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: Stephanie Willmer

CARRIED

4.0 **Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2019 meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

Moved By: Nora Semchuk

Seconded By: Natasha Caissie

CARRIED

5.0 **Reports/Updates**

a) **School Report**

- Mr. Crawford is the acting principal for Trudy's medical leave.
- Collaboration day occurred in February.
- A lot of indoor recesses in February, kids were very happy to have outdoor recess again.
- Gymnastics has just finished.
- A new principal has been announced, Mr. Kory Sholdice.
- Many dress-up days have happened.
- Alberta Education visited the school to look at the breakfast program.

- School board visit happened today where trustees visited all three schools.
- Teachers convention happened last week.
- Progress reports go home tomorrow.
- Student led conference and book fair next week.

b) School Board Trustee's Report (Sherry Cooper)

- New principal is exciting but bittersweet with Trudy leaving.
- Great visit at Jessie Duncan with the board. It was a great opportunity to show the board what is happening in Penhold.
- Met with the town of Penhold in the beginning of February to have a conversation about the town and schools. The capital plan for Chinook's Edge includes a new elementary school for Penhold as the number 2 priority. Because of the election coming up, not much will be happening with the government until it is over.
- Rural symposium was attended by the board where the Minister of Education, Agriculture and Municipal Affairs were on a panel and the board could ask questions and voice concerns. Spoke to them about bus drivers, and principals needing a different drivers license. The board pointed out the difference between school buses and commercial vehicles and that putting them through the same training and licensing program doesn't make sense. Deadline has been moved to July for the new licensing. Chinook's Edge has been approved to do the training for drivers. Testing will be done by a government approved organization.
- Board is taking a look at stakeholder relations and communications and making sure they are getting their message across to the government, etc.
- They are also looking at the social and emotional challenges that parents and children are facing and what is happening in the schools to support these needs (skilled teachers, EAs, psychologists, etc).
- Schools are working on their budgets. Budgets are usually released in March but with election, it might be delayed until May.
- ASCA is covering resolutions. Votes can be made by proxy with Ridehl taking them to the meeting.

c) Town of Penhold Report (Jamie Seiyama and Ken Denson)

- Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*
 - Volunteer appreciation on April 11th, let Jennifer know if you are attending.
 - Woman's Day on March 30th. Will be selling tickets until Friday, there are currently 25 registered.
 - Sportball occurring on March 29th for 6-8 year olds from 2:00-2:45pm.
- Ken Denson, *Councillor Town of Penhold*
 - The town won't be getting a school resource officer, funding was not available from Chinook's Edge.
 - Discussed the location of a possible new school for 500 students, possibly by the Multiplex.
 - At the rural municipality meeting, it was discussed that busses will be getting seat belts.
 - If Penhold gets a new school, the old school will need a new purpose.

d) Executive's Report

- (i) Correspondence/Email
- None.

(ii) Community Services Advisory Board (CSA)

- o Unable to attend.

6.0 **Business arising from prior Minutes**

- a) NONE

7.0 **New Business**

- a) ASCA Resolutions voting

- Each resolution was discussed and voted on. Ridehl will be attending the meeting with our voting results and notes.

8.0 **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7pm.
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes Approved on the 17 day of April, 2019.

Ridell W. S. Chairperson

Angela Vanderloop Secretary