

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School  
School Council  
Minutes  
Wednesday March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 pm**

1.0 Call to order at 6:11pm by Vice- Chairperson Ellen Freake

**Members present:**

Brandi Filipchuk, Chairperson  
Ellen Freake, Vice-Chairperson  
Kory Sholdice, Principal  
Susan Dillabough, Vice-Principal  
Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee  
Jamie Seiyama, FCSS  
Whitney Usselman, Director  
William Langlois, Director (via online)  
Laura Gillam, Director  
Myranda Radomske, Director  
Amber Regnier, Parent

**Members Absent:**

Natasha Caissie, Secretary  
Brooke Frenette, Treasurer  
Margo Gruenewald, Teacher Representative  
Cameron Galiski, Councillor Town of Penhold  
Laurin Levick, Director  
Cassandra Mierau, Director

2.0 **Approval of Agenda**

Moved By: Brandi Filipchuk  
Second: Laura Gillam  
CARRIED

3.0 **Approval of Minutes** from February 15, 2024 meeting

Moved By: Brandi Filipchuk  
Second: William Langlois  
CARRIED

4.0 **Reports/Updates** (15 minutes)

a) School Report – Kory Sholdice

- i) JDES Rebrand- Held a meeting on February 28- received feedback from staff, parents and students. Mission statement- want to tie in “community” theme. Narrowed it down to 2 Mission’s/ 2 Motto’s/ 2 Mascots: Bear or Wolf. Mottos are simple. JDES students will be able to vote on their favourite (Bear vs. Wolf) with the help of the Gr. 9 Leadership students. Graphic designer has been hired to create potential logos once animal/ motto is decided. Final step

will be for students, staff and parents to vote on the final logo/ mascot. Reveal in June 2024.

- ii) FNMI Artist/ Outdoor Classroom Art Update- McKenzie Brown- Cree Artist; from Treaty 8. Plan to create 'Art Kits' with lessons to connect the school/ students to the artwork. Artwork will be brought in during the winter to preserve/ enjoy it indoors. The unveiling will be on Orange Shirt Day (Fall 2024).
  - iii) Loose Parts Shed- Imaginative Play- JDES is hoping to move forward with the Shed in the spring (2024) once snow melts. Approximate cost \$2000-\$2500. Request for the Parent Society to fund this project. Questions/ concerns brought up about Shed. Other options for "Imaginative Play" (Hopscotch/ sidewalk games / more swings) rather than the shed. Tammy Burton to give presentation on 'Loose Parts Shed' (hopefully at our next meeting).
  - iv) Schlocky- Planning for 2 Schlocky pads to be built. School approached Jeff Borle with Jencor Contracting to build them. Approximate cost \$2000-\$3000 (for both). Hoping to build them this summer. Request for the Parent Society to fund this project.
  - v) Spell-a-thon -March 22, 2024 -kickoff/ student assembly. April 10-testing. April 26- celebration/ assembly. There will be group and individual prizes. The school has been in touch with sponsors and feel they have an adequate amount of prizes; will reach out if that changes.
  - vi) Crosswalk Safety/ Signage Follow Up- Town Councillor Cameron Galiski was absent. Brandi is corresponding with him via email about Crosswalk Safety/ Signage concerns. Will discuss further in Parent Society Board Meeting.
- b) Teacher Report – Given by Kory Sholdice (5-10 minutes)
- Kindergarten- Practicing letters & numbers to 10. Having fun with centers.
  - Grade 1- Working on their short writing & journaling. Animal Projects- Paper Mache & Pop Up Books; each class is doing a different animal. Polar Bear, Canada Goose, Arctic Fox and Rabbit. Parents coming in to help with Paper Mache projects.
  - Grade 2- Math- Addition with regrouping. Science- Space/ Earth Systems. Language Arts- Fairytales. Social Studies- Spring time in Saskatoon.
  - Grade 3- Earth Science, Multiplication, Studying the Ukraine, Poetry, Reading Fantastic Mr. Fox. Studying healthy habits; benefits laughter & exercise. Some classes are starting to work on coding.

- c) School Board Trustee's Report – Sherry Cooper (10 minutes)
- Rural Education Symposium held in March; celebrating Rural Schools. Discussed the benefits of rural education; more personable, more innovative (partly due to smaller budgets), bonus of a smaller school “can’t hide” mentality, more community connections. 5 students presented answers to questions that senior leadership had also answered and it was encouraging that everyone’s responses were very similar.
  - At the last CESD School Board Meeting:
    - Budget is due for approval at the end of May; schools are preparing for it.
    - Discussion took place of wanting to inform more people about the great things happening in CESD. Example- Letting people know about the Outdoor Classroom at JDES. Wanting to put things like that on the Rural Caucus Weblink; Superintendent is working on it.
    - Numbers are up; 11,380 + enrollment for the division.
    - Currently doing Policy Review/ Rewriting; CESD Renumeration, Trustee Code of Conduct and AI Code of Conduct (being considered).
  - Penhold Waskasoo Middle School Playground
    - Fundraising efforts underway
    - CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program) Grant; will match up to \$125,000 of secured funds raised. Need community support to reach this goal. Deadline to raise funds for this Grant is June 2024.
  - NSBA (National School Board Association) Conference 2024; to be held in New Orleans. Attended by School Boards from across the USA & North America. A couple of Trustees from CESD will be attending.
  - ASCA (Alberta School Councils’ Association) AGM 2024- Held in Edmonton. Interested persons were to submit their names to the school principal. CESD will be sending 10 people total; 2 were selected from Penhold Crossing Secondary School. A governance committee will be formed to establish who will be selected in the future.
- d) Town of Penhold Report
- i) Town Council – Cameron Galisky (5 minutes)- ABSENT
- ii) FCSS Coordinator – Jamie Seiyama (5 minutes)
- Craft Club still has a few spots open. This program is once a month and is for grades 1-3. To register email [jseiyama@townofpenhold.ca](mailto:jseiyama@townofpenhold.ca)
  - Next Family Play Day is on April 20<sup>th</sup> @ Penhold & District Library, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Drop into the library for a Pokémon Party.
  - Playgroup March & April Schedule: March 6, 13, 20, & 27 and April 3, 10 & 24 from 9:00-11:00am @ Memorial Hall.
  - Home Alone Safety for Kids – for ages 9-12 on Saturday, April 27. Registration is online.

- Nominations for the 2024 Mayor's Youth Recognition Award is now open. If you know of a youth that lives in Penhold and is in grades 7-12 and displays strong character or volunteers then go to our website to nominate them. Nominations close April 15.
- Town of Penhold Kids Summer Camps at the Penhold Multiplex are back again this year for children ages 6-10 years. There will be two separate weeks of camps offered, July 8-12 and July 29 - August 2. The camps will be filled with crafts, games, field trips, outdoor play and so much more. Registration will be available online, through the Town of Penhold website starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday May 7. Find out more information, including theme days, on the Town website ([www.townofpenhold.ca](http://www.townofpenhold.ca)).
- Princess Tea is coming back on May 4 @ 1-3pm. Bring your little Princess to enjoy an afternoon of tea & treats with Princess Elsa & Anna. The Penhold Youth Club will be transforming Memorial Hall into a castle ball room filled with games, tea and treats, crafts, selfie wall, glitter tattoos as well as Princess lead crafts and story time with the princesses. Tickets will be available for \$25 / person through Eventbrite and the Town of Penhold office starting March 18th. Tickets are required for all attendees 12 months of age and over.
- Easter Eggstravaganza – Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Multiplex. Free Admission. Glitter Tattoos, Cookie Decorating, Face Painting, Crafts, Easter Bunny Photos and more.
- The first Fall Festival meeting of the year will be Thursday APRIL 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Penhold Town Office. Volunteer roles will be decided at this meeting so ALL GROUPS wanting to be involved in this year's Fall Festival MUST have a representative present who can speak on behalf of the group or have made contact with Carrie Black PRIOR to the meeting to discuss options. Honorary Parade Marshal and parade theme will also be decided at the meeting so please bring a suggestion or two with you to the meeting.
- Community Garage Sale & Kick-It-To-The-Curb will be Saturday May 25. Registration will open in late April and be done online using Town of Penhold website. Final list will be published the week before the garage sale.
- Census starts April 1, please encourage everyone to fill out the census as it is very important to have accurate data for grants, programming, economic development and more.
- Survey results presented from fall. After a meeting with BGC (Boys and Girls Club) they will be offering program for grades 1-3 on some of the Professional Development Days (April 18, May 17 & June 7). We also have added an unparented program – Craft Club once a month for grades 1-3.

- FCSS Survey Results RE: Programming for Grades 1-3 (105 responses)
  - Is finding programming a challenge for you on PD/Non-School days? YES- 74.3% NO- 25.7%
  - Do you require programming for the upcoming PD/Non-School days for this 2023/2024 school year? YES- 62.9% NO- 37.1%
  - Would you be interested in programming that you would be required to attend with your child on either PD/Non-School days or during other times such as afterschool or on weekends? YES- 32.4% NO- 67.6%
  - Would you be interested in unparented programming after school or on weekends? YES- 80% NO- 20%

e) Executive's Report (2 minutes)

i) ASCA- K- 6 Social Studies Curriculum Feedback

- Email sent out with link to "Have Your Say"; <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say>
- Provide input on key learnings within the draft K to 6 social studies curriculum.
- The feedback form is open until March 29, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

5.0 Business arising from prior Minutes (10 minutes)

a) Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant usage ideas (\$290 budget)

- Nutrition (Healthy Snack- Mrs. Duffy & possible nutritionist or dietician)- family event one evening at the school, make a healthy snack together.
  - Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that ASCE funds can be used for include: parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, *healthy living*, etc. (falls within the guidelines of what the grant money can be used for).
  - Kory to talk with Mrs. Duffy and find a date and time for event.
  - We'll limit the number of families able to attend; pre-registration required.
- FNMI Dancer
  - If funds remain after the costs associated with the 'Healthy Snack Night' they will go towards FNMI Presenters and/ or Metis Dancer.
- **Motion to:**
  - **allocate the additional ASCE Grant funds (up to \$290.00) to host a nutrition event at the school; 'Healthy Snack Night' will be available to Jessie Duncan families, facilitated by Mrs. Duffy (AHS dietician or nutritionist to be invited). If there are funds remaining after this event, they will go towards the payment of the upcoming FNMI Presenters and/or Metis Dancer on Indigenous Day.**

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**Second: Ellen Freake**  
**CARRIED**

- b) ASCA Conference Interest (CESD)
  - JDES Council Members/ Parents not selected to attend this years AGM
- c) Lunch/ Recess Supervision- Did discussion with staff occur?
  - Readjusted staffing for new students at Lunchtime
  - Overall staff/ teachers feel there is enough supervision and are comfortable with the current staff to student ratios
  - Kory talked with staff about making sure that the students are/ feel heard when voicing issues at recess.

**6.0 New Business (5 minutes)**

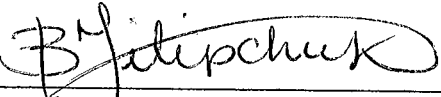
a) Recess Activities


- 4 Square, Hopscotch or other stencils we could put on the current asphalt pads
- Basketball
- More swings
- Loose Parts Shed
- Schlocky
- Natural Playground
- Harmony Garden

**7.0 Next meeting April ?, 2024 (meeting date needs to be moved from regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month due to Spring Break) and Adjournment**

- It was decided to move our next meeting to Wednesday April 10th, 2024
- Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Minutes Approved on the 10 day of APRIL, 2024.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary