

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School  
School Council  
Minutes**

Thursday February 15, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

1.0 Call to order at 6:07pm by Chairperson Brandi Filipchuk

**Members present:**

Brandi Filipchuk, Chairperson  
Ellen Freake, Vice-Chairperson  
Natasha Caissie, Secretary  
Kory Sholdice, Principal  
Susan Dillabough, Vice-Principal  
Margo Gruenewald, Teacher Representative  
Cameron Galiski, Councillor Town of Penhold  
William Langlois, Director (via online)  
Laura Gillam, Director  
Myranda Radomske, Director

**Members Absent:**

Brooke Frenette, Treasurer  
Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee  
Jamie Seiyama, FCSS  
Laurin Levick, Director  
Cassandra Mierau, Director  
Whitney Usselman, Director

2.0 **Approval of Agenda (as Amended- 5vii)**

Moved By: Myranda Radomske  
Second: Laura Gillam  
CARRIED

3.0 **Approval of Minutes** from January 17, 2024 meeting

Moved By: Ellen Freake  
Second: Laura Gillam  
CARRIED

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

- a) School Report – Kory Sholdice
  - i) JDES Rebrand Timeline-email sent out for meeting February 28, general group where everyone is invited. Data will be gathered  
Staff and students have already been polled  
Smaller groups (teachers & parents) will look at the data, vote and unveil in June

- ii) Learning Loss Support-also called disruption funding, hired 2 EAs to work with small groups. Ms. Burton to work on numeracy, Ms. Potraz to work on literacy. Students identified will work in the afternoons
  - iii) FNMI Artist Update-artist finalized and school to reach out to make the offer, will build a lesson off of it  
Medium is wood and will be moved in and out throughout the year to prevent it from too much weathering
  - iv) Professional Learning Days
    - Math data - identifying areas for improvement and connecting grade levels
    - HLAT - common writing assessment-coming  
-teachers given prompts/sentences to mark together so there is a consensus between the classes
  - v) Spellathon Dates-planning underway, prizes/awards being decided-Brandi offered to help collect prizes  
March 22-kickoff  
April 10-testing  
April 26-Celebration
  - vi) **Skating**-since the Outdoor rink is unavailable can skating be moved to the Multiplex? -rental of ice needed, transportation issues to get all the kids there  
Can Parent Society help with this? Possible grant applications being looked into (Hockey Alberta) -Revisit in the fall
- b) Teacher Report – Margo Gruenewald (5-10 minutes)
    - Valentine’s Day busy but fun
    - FMNI events-landforms and drawings, tipi -drawings, poles (first 3) and meanings, covering
  - c) School Board Trustee’s Report – Sherry Cooper (absent)
  - d) Town of Penhold Report
    - i) Town Council – Cameron Galisky (5 minutes)
      - New Fire Hall coming
      - New Dog Park-opportunities to be involved
      - Funding for study of poverty in the area
      - Firefighter awards occurred
      - Penhold Elementary School proposal for help with the playground
    - ii) FCSS Coordinator – absent- Brandi will give report (5 minutes)
      - FCSS will be out of the office from Feb. 16-23, back on Feb. 26.

- Playgroup Schedule: Feb. 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 from 9:00-11:00am @ Memorial Hall.
  - Lego Club (may be a delayed start to this program – registrant’s parents will be contacted).
  - Family Law presentation: March 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m. @ Penhold & District Library. Join the Community Legal Clinic for an informative session on Family Law. Presentation will cover general information about parenting orders, child and spousal support, and property division for families going through a separation or divorce. Ask-A-Lawyer from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; meet with a lawyer for 20 – 30 minutes to receive brief legal advice at no charge.
  - Kids Summer Camp will be taking place on July 8-12 and July 29-August 2. More information will be available mid-March including on how to register. Registration will open on May 7 @ 10am. Cost will be \$150 per week plus an extra fee for early drop off and late pick up.
  - Save the Date- Princess Tea is coming back on May 4 @ 1-3pm. Princess Elsa and Anna will be joining the party this time. More information to come!
  - Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday March 23 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Multiplex. Free Admission. Wagon Rides, Cookie Decorating, Face Painting, Crafts, Easter Bunny Photos and more.
- e) Executive’s Report (2 minutes)
- i) Reminder to submit responses for ASCA School Council Engagement Task Force- *Parental Responsibilities in Alberta Education* by Feb 22/2024
- Brandi sent out an email-please reply

**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)-family event, make food together, look into getting dietician?
  - Other Ideas
  - Indigenous Dancer

Discussion tabled to next meeting

- b) ASCA Conference-Occurring in April
- c) Playground Refurbishment Cost-nothing needs to be replaced at the moment

- d) Swings from PES-they are not available; the school can not relocate any of the playground equipment as it is not allowed by the division

**6.0 New Business (5 minutes)**

a) Lunch/ Recess Supervision-

- parents concerned with supervision on the playground  
5 adults scheduled to be outside, Ratio is 1:100 students for recess, will talk to staff to come up with ideas (maybe kids don't get to go out as far in field), soccer has been limited to K-1, 2-3

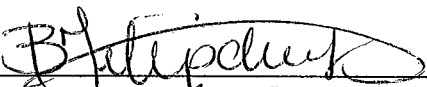
- Parents worried about choking at lunch  
2 or 3 EAs rotate between classrooms during lunch, Kindergarten always supervised


-Paid supervision? -confidentiality issues, parents disciplining other people children, quality control between people

**7.0 Next meeting Date and Adjournment**

- Next meeting will be on Wednesday March 20, 2024
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

Minutes Approved on the 20 day of March, 2024.

  
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*Chairperson*

  
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*Secretary*