

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council
Agenda**

Wednesday April 10th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

1) Call to order 6:02 pm by Chairperson Brandi Filipchuk

Members present:

Brandi Filipchuk, Chairperson
Ellen Freake, Vice-Chairperson
Natasha Caissie, Secretary
Kory Sholdice, Principal
Susan Dillabough, Vice-Principal
Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee
Margo Gruenewald, Teacher Representative
Tammy Burton, Grade 2 Teacher
Cameron Galiski, Councillor Town of Penhold
Jamie Seiyama, FCSS
Laura Gillam, Director
William Langlois, Director (via online)
Laurin Levick, Director
Myranda Radomske, Director
Whitney Usselman, Director
Jennifer Blaylock, Parent

Members Absent:

Brooke Frenette, Treasurer
Cassandra Mierau, Director

2) **Approval of Agenda** (*members may request an item to be added to the agenda at this time*)

Moved By: William Langois
Second: Whitney Usselman
CARRIED

3) **Approval of Minutes from March 20th, 2024 meeting**

Moved By: Whitney Usselman
Second: Laura Gillam
CARRIED

4) **Reports/Updates** (10 minutes)

a) School Report –Kory Sholdice, *Principal*

i) JDES Rebrand Update

- First vote between bear & wolf logo, *learning together, growing forever vs inspiring hearts, empowering minds* motto, secret ballot-kids vote weighted more than teachers or parents, lessons built around the bear and wolf, still working on mission statement

ii) Indigenous Day

- June 21, Artist, storytelling with artifacts, dancer

iii) Spell-a-thon Update

- Test today, lots of prize donations, online donation payment available, Celebration April 26 1:45pm

iv) Hockey Alberta Grant

- Mrs. Horrocks applied, \$5000 to put towards skating program-ice rental, buy helmets & skates, help with busing students

b) **Loose Parts Shed Presentation-** Tammy Burton, *Teacher* (10 minutes)

- Mrs. Burton provided a presentation and video on the benefits of the loose parts shed

At her previous school the kids helped bring out and put away the items, felt it engaged the different grades to play together more than any other game, allows leadership opportunities for students

Loose parts play creates richer environment, increased levels of creativity and imaginative play, increases socialization and co-operativity, increases physical activity and problem solving

Process over product

c) **Teacher Report-** Susan Dillabough, *Vice-Principal* (5-10 minutes)

- Grade 3-Novel studies, reading comprehension, getting ready to write the HLAT, looking at revising and editing writing, multiplication, Earth systems or energy (science), Ukraine (social)
- Grade 2-addition and subtraction with regrouping, fractions and patterns, story writing and editing, continue to work on phonic awareness and reading comprehension, Earth Systems (Science) Iqaluit and Saskatoon (Social)
- Grade 1- Finished their animal projects with paper mache animals and pop-up books, working on writing prep for the HLAT, learning how to add details to sentences
- Kindergarten-working on W, Y and Z, numbers to 10, introducing teen numbers, introducing money, working on kindness

d) **School Board Trustee's Report-** Sherry Cooper, *School Board Trustee* (10 minutes)

- School calendar approved in draft because exams dates (PAT/diplomas) have not been finalized-possible revisions in the fall
- Budget increase- \$3million increase due to increase costs
- will pull out of reserves to fund initiatives
- can not be in deficit

- replaced busses-14 ordered last year, decreased walk limits increases the need for buses
- bus fees increase-register before June 1 \$175, after June 1 \$200, \$50 late registration fee

e) **Town of Penhold Report**

i) Town Council – Cameron Galisky, *Town of Penhold Councillor* (5 minutes)

- budget
- Crosswalk concerns-send in letter-will present to council
- Trail system
- Census

ii) FCSS Coordinator – Jamie Seiyama, *FCSS*

- Next Family Play Day is on April 20th @ Penhold & District Library, 12:30 – 3:30pm. Drop into the library for a Pokémon Party.
- Mental Health Week May 6-12. Watch Town of Penhold Support Services page for resources during this week.
- Playgroup April Schedule: April 3, 10 & 24 and May 1, 8, 15 & 29 from 9:00-11:00am @ Memorial Hall.
- Home Alone Safety for Kids – for ages 9-12 on Saturday, April 27. Registration is online and almost full.
- Nominations for the 2024 Mayor's Youth Recognition Award is still 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 FCSS website to nominate them. Nominations close April 15.
- Town of Penhold Kids Summer Camps at the Penhold Multiplex for children ages 6-10 years, 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).
- 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.
- PYC Bottle Drive on Thursday May 23rd at 3:30-7:30pm.
- Smile Cookie Campaign runs April 29th-May 5th.
- 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 has started, please encourage everyone to fill out the census as it is very important to have accurate data for grants, programming, economic development and more.

f) **Executive's Report** (5 minutes)

i) Crosswalk Safety Concerns- Letter to Town of Penhold

Letter was read to the group and will be submitted to Town Council upon SC Board approval

Motion to:

- **submit the approved letter, as amended, to the Town Council; with the goal of action being taken by the town to improve crosswalk safety at the JDES crosswalks, letter is to be signed by Chairperson Brandi Filipchuk on behalf of School Council**

By: Ellen Freake

Second: Whitney Usselman

CARRIED

5) **Business arising from prior Minutes** (10 minutes)

a) ASCE Grant- Nutrition 'Healthy Snack Evening' Update

- Dietitian from AHS with information for families
- Mrs. Duffy provide banana "sushi"-try to hit all food groups
- Pre-registration required
- May 16 6-7pm
- Week of 21-23 backup

b) Recess Activities- Volunteers to help with stencilling

- One afternoon when weather is nice, school commented that kids did not really engage with the stencils during COVID times
- School will bring out chalk at recess

6) **New Business** (5 minutes)

a) Lincoln Street School Yard Entrance(s)/ New Gate

- Any update? Worried about size of entrance & kids running
- Hope to fully fence down Newton Drive with gates to close
- IMR projects

7) **Next meeting Date and Adjournment**

- **Motion to:**
 - **Spend up to \$300 from the fundraising account for a year end “Thank You Lunch” date to be determined at Ma & Pa’s Bakery**
 - **By: Brandi Filipchuk**
 - **Seconded: Ellen Freake**
 - **CARRIED**

c) Recess Activities Funding- Board to vote on schlocky, loose parts shed, paint for stencils

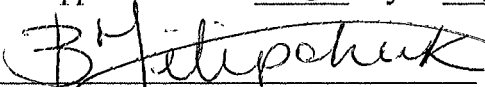
- Discussion occurred as to whether board would want to pay for items
- Unanimous vote for both schlocky and loose parts shed
- Need quote for shed before proceeding
- **Motion to:**


- **Spend up to \$3000 out of the fundraising account to be used for the creation of the schlocky pads**
- By: Ellen Freake**
- Seconded: Whitney Usselman**
- CARRIED**

8) Next meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next meeting will be on Wednesday May 15, 2024 following the Jessie Duncan Elementary School Council meeting
- Meeting adjourned at pm

Minutes Approved on the 15 day of May, 2024.

 Chairperson

 Secretary