

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council
November Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday November 20, 2024 @ 6:00pm

- 1) **Call to order** at 6:06pm by Chairperson, Laura Gillam

- 2) **Welcome & Introductions** (5 minutes)
Members Present:
 - Laura Gillam, Chair
 - Ashley Wingie, Director
 - Jamie Seiyoma, FCSS
 - Amber Regnier, Vice-Chair
 - Brandi Filipchuk, Parent Society President
 - Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee
 - Cameron Galiski, Councillor Town of Penhold (virtual)
 - Kory Sholdice, Principal
 - Susan Dillabough, Vice-principal
 - Will Langlois, Vice-president Parent Society (virtual)
 - Laurin Levick, Director

- 3) **Approval of Agenda**
(members may request an item to be added to the agenda at this time)
Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk
Second: Ashley Wingie
CARRIED

- 4) **Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2024 meeting**
Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk
Second: Will Langlois
CARRIED

- 5) **Reports/Updates** (15 minutes)
 - a) **School Report** – Principal Kory Sholdice
 - i) Remembrance Day - At Pen X and a collaboration between the three schools again this year. Lots of community in attendance.
 - ii) Student Leadership - Next week Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Sholdice will be connecting with the grade 3 students about leadership opportunities at the school. Students will listen to a short presentation and then have a Google form to fill out to show interest in different jobs. This has been completed and kids are very excited. All students who want a job will get one at some point during the year.

Christmas. In Social Studies most of us have finished our Communities unit and are starting to study the community of Meteghan!

Grade Three - They have started swimming lessons this week. In Math they are working on place value on numbers up to 100 000. They are comparing, ordering and sense making. They are also showing numbers in various forms and working on addition and subtraction.

In Science they are continuing to work on Matter before moving into Energy.

In Social, students have been using their knowledge of mapping skills to create maps. They are working on cardinal and intermediate directions. Students will be introduced to 4 countries: Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India. They will bring learning about quality of life and making comparisons.

In language arts, Grade 3's continue to work on strengthening their comprehension skills through various tasks, listening to reading as well as reading and discussing their own books.

They have opportunity to work on varying writing skills whether it is free writing or modeled.

c) Town of Penhold Report

i) Town Council – Cameron Galisky (5 minutes)

1. Currently working on the budget. Nothing to update.

ii) FCSS Coordinator – Jamie Seiyama (5 minutes)

- a. Community Christmas will be Friday Nov. 22 at the Multiplex
- b. Little Shoppers area 6:00-8:00pm
- c. Christmas Market ran by the Museum 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- d. Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.
- e. Cookie Walk (Penhold Museum)
- f. Penhold Drop-In Centre Silent Auction
- g. Cookie Decorating
- h. Crafts
- i. Photos with Santa
- j. Wagon Rides
- k. Stage 6:30-7:30
 - i. Including the schools and dance performances.

iii) Playgroup schedule for Nov/Dec is out.

iv) Snow Angels has started up. If you know of anyone who need assistance removing snow, have them contact fcss@townofpenhold.ca for a sign. If you see a sign and could help remove the snow from the residence, it is greatly appreciated. We also thank the schools for all the help they do throughout the season in being Snow Angels.

v) Christmas Services are available through Christmas Bureau, Salvation Army and the Outreach Centre. We also welcome anyone to reach out to us for more information on supports and resources any time during the year.

vi) December Craft & Connect Night, December 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We will be doing macramé ornaments. Register with fcss@townofpenhold.ca

i) In the process of taking this on.

7) New Business (5 Minutes)

- a) Class sizes and student supports- Resource Allocation Working Group (RAWG) Kory to outline this process (**Information**) – Purpose of the group is to keep schools close to targeted class sizes and ensure that funds are spread as fairly as possible across the division. Difficult to predict how many students will move into the area which can lead to some high class sizes.

8) Next Meeting Informal December meeting TBD – will discuss during Parent Society portion

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Minutes Approved on the 15 day of January, 2025.

[Signature] Chairperson

[Signature] Secretary

Attachments:

*JDES Parent Council Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless it falls over a school break. There usually are no meeting(s) in December or June (unless needed). There are no meetings over Summer Holidays (July-August) *

Future Meeting Dates:

- Informal December 2024 (if needed)
- January 15th/ 2025
- February 2025- TBD
- March 19th /2025
- April 16th/ 2025
- May 21st /2025