

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

Wednesday February 12th, 2025 @ 6:00pm

- 1) **Call to order** at 6:07pm by Chairperson, Laura Gillam

- 2) **Welcome & Introductions** (5 minutes)
Members Present:
Laura Gillam, Chair
Ashley Wingie, Director
Jamie Seiyama, FCSS
Amber Regnier, Vice-Chair
Brandi Filipchuk, Parent Society President
Cameron Galisky, Councillor Town of Penhold (virtual)
Kory Sholdice, Principal
Will Langlois, Vice-president Parent Society (virtual)
Susan Dillabough – Vice Principal

Members Absent:
Ellen Freake, Treasurer
Sherry Cooper – School Board Trustee
Myranda Radomske, Secretary
Laurin Levick, Director
Margo Gruenwald - Teacher Representative

- 3) **Approval of Agenda** (*members may request an item to be added to the agenda at this time*)
Motion to approve Agenda for the Feb 12, 2025 School Council meeting
Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk
Second: Amber Regnier
CARRIED

- 4) **Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2025 meeting**
Motion to approve minutes from the January 15th School Council meeting
Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk
Second: Ashley Wingie
CARRIED

- 5) **Reports/Updates** (15 minutes)
 - a) **School Report** – Principal Kory Sholdice
 - No Secrets - No Secrets is a personal safety program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 4. Its objective is to prevent child sexual abuse & exploitation. No Secrets encourages children to develop respect for themselves and their bodies. Grade 1 and Kindergarten both have the presenters come to their class allowing the students to hear the message twice while they are at JDES.

- Playground Proposal Connected with Park n Play Design. The initial quote is \$45,140.38 before tax. This includes 2 Zero G seats (accessible) and delivery. It does include installation or the surfacing that will be needed below the zipline. We will work with the town or CESD to have the rock put in and likely have Park n Play install the equipment. Tim Aylesworth will be getting back to us with a more detailed quote.
- We will have two student teachers from RDP. They will be here on Wednesday for 3 hours to focus on small groups and one to one interventions. The practicum will last 8 weeks.
- School Assurance Survey - Annual survey that gathers feedback on behalf of schools and school authorities to understand what works well and what needs improvement.
- Pink Shirt Day - February 26th - Focus on kindness and what that means.
- National Autism Day - Wearing blue shirts and some age-appropriate lessons on what Autism is – April 2
- Messaging coming out tomorrow (Feb 13) about new VP who has been hired – Danielle Booker. Official start date of March 3/25

b) Teacher Report – (10 minutes)

- Grade 1 - In language arts we are done reviewing phonemic awareness with letters and sound now moving into digraphs and focusing on practicing blends. In math we are into the teen numbers with a big focus on addition and subtraction. After the break we are beginning our animal research projects which takes 3 weeks. One week of research, we then create a pop up book the following week, and build paper mache models of our animals (polar bear, arctic hare, and arctic fox).
- Grade 2: in phonics we are working on long vowels, ed and ing. We are working on adding more details to our sentences and building stamina in our writing. For reading we are working on comprehension. In Math we have been working on strategies for addition and subtraction as well as reading and building numbers up to 100. We have finished up Meteghan in SS and are starting Iqaluit. For Science we are working on light energy.
- Grade 3: Math - Addition/Subtraction with and without regrouping
 - using varying strategies to find what is most efficient
 - basic facts
 - multiplication and division
 L.A. - Narrative writing, focusing on the parts
 - Comprehension strategies
 - Writing and editing strategies
 - Journal writing, directed writing
 Science - Energy (Forces)
 Social - Culture in varying countries and comparing and contrasting to our life in Canada, Learning about different regions in the countries

c) Town of Penhold Report

i) Town Council – Cameron Galisky (5 minutes)

- Nothing new to report
- March 17 – Tour of the new school grounds

ii) FCSS Coordinator – Jamie Seiyama (5 minutes)

- Penhold Cares Community Blood Drive is on now until the end of the month. If you are someone who donates blood, please feel free to share a selfie using #PenholdCares when you are donating. If you have been thinking about donating, now is a great time to give it a try! Don't forget to put a stone in the "Penhold" jar on your way to the snack area after you donate.
- Reminder to all groups about the changes for volunteering at events. Please submit your application with the events you would like to help with to Carrie before March 20 Community Services Advisory Board Meeting. The reason for this is so that there is equal opportunity for all groups to be involved at Community Events.
- Feb/March Playgroup schedule is out. Playgroup is most Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
- Reminder Golden Circle Outreach does walk-ins twice a month on Thursdays at the Library if you have a senior in your life that could use information or assistance.
- Home Alone Course on March 22 is nearly full.
- Next CSAB meeting is March 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the town office boardroom for those reps that attend the meetings.
- Next Family Play Day is Saturday, March 1, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Drop by for some stuffy hospital themed fun and connecting as a family.
- Kids Summer Camp 2025 will have the following dates: (Registration opens May 5)
 - Week #1: July 7th-11th
 - Week #2: July 21st-25th
 - Week #3: August 5th-8th
 - Kids Summer Camp is a day camp for ages 6-10. More details will become available over the next couple of months and registration opens on May 5th.

d) School Board Trustee's Report- Sherry Cooper (10 minutes) – Sherry was unable to attend this meeting

e) Executive's Report (5 minutes)

- i) School Council Snippet- The Principal & School Council Relationship – table this until next meeting when more members are in attendance
- ii) Recap learning from Education session School Council Purpose
 - Laura will send out resources that were provided during the session

6) Business arising from prior Minutes (10 minutes)

a) Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)

- ASCA School Council Symposium Virtual – Saturday, April 26th 930-330. CESD will pay for people who want to attend. AGM is on Sunday, April 27th. Anyone who would like to participate can forward their name to Kory. 5 Advocacy Resolutions can be found on the ASCA website and will be voted on during the AGM.

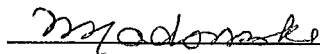
- ASCE Grant- Section 8 All funds provided must be spent in the school year in which they are allocated. Any unused funds must be returned to Alberta Education.

7) New Business (5 Minutes)

8) Next Meeting March 19, 2025 @ 6pm and adjournment at 6:41pm

Minutes Approved on the 19 day of March, 2025.

 Chairperson

 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:

- March 19th /2025
- April 16th / 2025
- May 21st /2025