

**Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday November 15, 2017
Minutes**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:06pm by Chairperson Ridehl Wilson

Members Present:

Ridehl Wilson, *Chairperson*
Angela Van der Loop, *Director*
Jennifer Rowe, *Director*
Trudy Henry, *Principal*
Ken ^{Danson}~~Dowson~~, *Councillor Town of Penhold*
Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*
Nora Semchuk, *Director*
Kirsten Dennis, *Secretary*
Natalie Collett, *Treasurer*
Robin Edwards, *Vice President*
Brian Constantine, *Director*

Members Absent:

Becca Chmelyk, *Vice-Principal*
Sherry Cooper, *School Board Trustee*

2. **Welcome/Introductions**

Ridehl Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda.
Moved By: Robin Edwards
Seconded By: Natalie Collett
CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2017 meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.
Moved By: Nora Semchuk
Seconded By: Robin Edwards
CARRIED

5. **Reports/Updates**

a) School Report

Trudy Henry:

- Halloween Parade and the Remembrance Day ceremony were the big events- Remembrance Day service went well, all of the kids were so respectful when we got there.

- Friday the 17th is Superhero Day.
- The Christmas Concert is December 7th at 6 p.m. at Penhold Crossing. All three schools' concerts are the same day. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and it's called the "*ABC's of Christmas*" each class will have a speaking portion and a finale.
- Progress reports are on the go. They go out next week and Pre-K and K will do their interviews the last week of November. Grade 1 and 2 parents wanting a sit down interview with their child's teacher, parents can give them a call or note and they can arrive a time to sit down.
- One of our school goals this year is literacy. We've introduced literacy blitzes which are high focused targeted interventions. Parents are advised that we would like their student to be a part of this four week cycle. We might target sight words, alphabet letters and sounds, or a targeted skill and blitz for 15 minutes. We are just about at the end of our first four weeks and teachers will see how students are doing and the groups might change.
- Legislation that was passed today, Bill 24, at this point in time school boards haven't really had a chance to dig deep into the details but they will do that November 29th. The board currently has a policy on safe, caring, and accompanying procedures on this. So when they sit down to examine Bill 24 and its implications there may be some tweaking that they do but as it's a law we are all required as schools to comply with the legislation.

b) School Board Trustee's Report

a. Sherry Cooper absent but sends her regards

b. Ken Denson

- We had Brian Constantine in to our council meeting last night to do a presentation and council did take it as facts of interest and we will be looking at it further.

c) Town of Penhold Report (Jamie Seiyama)

Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*

- **Community Christmas next Friday. The Library has their silent auction, Museum has the market, face painting, and more. We will also be taking food bank donations for the Christmas bureau and there will be a coat check this year.**
- Jodie Carrington - we opened up a couple more spots and people have dropped out so if you are interested let me know
- Breakfast with santa December 2nd two seatings at 9 and 10
- Monday the 20th is National Child;s Day and celebrating the child;s right to be safe. Event at Memorial Hall from 5-7 p.m. with activities, bouncy castles, peace officers, and Child Safe kits.
- Baby massage class on November 29 from 10-11 a.m.
- Daddy and Me Play Day on December 2 from 1-3 p.m. at the drop in centre because they'll be making cookies and doing ornaments

d) Executive's Report

(i) Correspondence/Email

- o Alberta Association of Optometrists Eye See Eye Learn campaign
- o Ken Denson appointment from the Town of Penhold as our councillor representative, Mike Walsh alternate

(ii) Community Services Advisory Board (CSA)

- a. Optimist Club is still Skate Park focused with Snake Eyes as well as their Chase the Ace. Both have to be done by December 31. Snake Eyes is looking for one more group to donate to in the new year. Jessie Duncan parents society perhaps?
- b. Girl Guides are plugging along with the combined Sparks and Brownies unit
- c. Community Christmas Cookie Walk with the Museum and the Christmas Market. They're looking for donations for the cookie and they're changing the containers and making them bigger.

(iii) Muffin Morning and Toast Club

- o Need to check the bread. It seems to have slowed down though from 4 loaves to 2.5 or so on average. Mittens and cold weather seem to be playing a part.
- o Muffin morning is this Friday- as it turns our Ridehl can not come. All of the supplies are here at the school so it will be easy. There's still yogurt tubes.

6. Business arising from prior Minutes

- a) NONE

7. New Business

a) Bill 24-

- a. Brian Constantine- Did a presentation at Town Council and brought it to Penhold Elementary PAC as well. Make sure everyone understands what the bill is not a lot of people were grasping it elsewhere. Fact sheet presented, essentially enacted support for GSA and passed today 13 days after introduction. To protect safe support groups such as GSAs by mandating schools provide safe caring environments and also to respect children's privacy. Parents would not be notified anymore if your student is part of X group they would be legally required not to. This allowed the education minister to establish any policy or alter policy deficient particularly in regards to student groups so he can alter or impose new policies and permitted to remove funding or accreditation from schools for non compliance.
- b. Question- reason they're doing this there is opposition because people are worried that parents are losing their right to find out what's going on with their child, but this bill is to protect the child from negative reactions. What's

taken away from the parent is you will not know if your child joined this group, but they did it because some children would face abuse if their parents found out. Knowing that it's completely safe they might be more apt to try. Student led groups only. Even with that, if they feel like that child could be harm to themselves or others they are able to intervene.

- c. Worth noting that teachers are legally bound to withhold information from parents if there is belief abuse or harm would befall the child as a result of sharing the information.
- d. ASCA has their AGM in April and any proposed resolutions to be discussed have to be submitted by December 19th and then they're collected, sent back out to whittle down, and send back. Requested to submit an issue with Bill 24.

- Vote was held on whether to leave Bill 24 as it is.
- With a vote of 7 to 3 it was moved that the Penhold School Council would like to leave Bill 24 as is.

- Subsequent vote was held on whether to submit proposed changes to Bill 24
- With a vote of 9 to 1 it was moved that the Penhold School Council would NOT submit any proposed changes.

8. **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

- Next Meeting will be January 17, 2018.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:00h.

Minutes Approved on the 17 day of January, 2018.

Deidre Wils Chairperson

W. Dennis Secretary