

Jessie Duncan Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm by Chairperson Ridehl Wilson

Members Present:

Ridehl Wilson, *Chairperson*
Jennifer Rowe, *Director*
Trudy Henry, *Principal*
Ken Denson, *Councillor Town of Penhold*
Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*
Nora Semchuk, *Director*
Kirsten Dennis, *Secretary*
Natalie Collett, *Treasurer*
Robin Edwards, *Vice President*
Becca Chmelyk, *Vice-principal*
Sherry Cooper, *School Board Trustee*
Chrissy Crebas, *Kindergarten Teacher*
Cathy Glazebrook, *Director*

Members Absent:

Angela Van der Loop, *Director*

2. Welcome/Introductions

Ridehl Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Moved By: Natalie Collett

Seconded By: Kirsten Dennis

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 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:

It was a wonderful busy December with the concert and activities, gingerbread houses, crafts, idea time on the last day. Lots of sickness in the school in December, but everybody has come back. A nice calm smooth start.

Things in January grade 2's started swimming, twice a week for four weeks. Working with Innisfail Pool because of a missed day for no buses.

Kindergarten and all the grade 1's are skating now.

Coming up we have book character day on January 26 inviting parents to come and read with their kids, same as muffin morning. Request to move muffin morning to 9:30 a.m. approved. Hoop play booked for all students Feb 2 and 6, she brings all the hoops and it's about body awareness and self confidence and building confidence and trying new things. This is the same lady that does the bunnies for Naturally Nurtured who we have coming in about April or May for the grade 2's.

Teachers are spending the resource money that you allocated to them.

Chrissy Crebas- attended as a representative of the kindergarten team to thank PAC for the money. One of the key aspects in all curriculums is knowledge skills and attitudes. In kindergarten they try to work on attitude and engagement and how to get them excited. A big chunk of the money was on science on goggles and lab coats and test tubes and flasks. It usually works out to two experiments a month.

Trudy Henry- application for additional modulars is still in Alberta Education's hands and we should hear by the end of January whether we got them or not.

Parking is a big issue if we do get more modulars.

We are now in the hiring process for Mrs. Manesh's position. We will have someone hired by the time we go on break. She will work until end of February.

Finally we are now on Facebook- we will be phasing out our paper newsletter by the end of February. We will communicate our newsletter to parents by encouraging them to sign up for the digital version and putting it on Facebook. We are finding more and more parents are getting their information on Facebook.

b) School Board Trustee's Report

- We have approved our financial statement. Basically we had to pull reserves in order to balance our transportation budget. The formula that we have made us under funded.
- We are always looking for ways to partner. We do have a transportation agreement with the Catholic board. When we spoke with the minister in November, I made a pitch again for those modulars.
- The government ratified an agreement with our teachers so the board is doing the local pieces of the teachers contracts. Hoping to see that done shortly because the next agreement is up for negotiation. One of the suggestions was can you make it longer than two years, because we are just finishing satisfying the first one and the second one is nearly up.
- Dove tailing with the modular requests is the whole conversation of getting those modulars meaning we get the grade threes. It's not a school decision, the board has to make the decision about what do we do about grade configuration. We want to take a look at the demographics. What we want to be careful and thoughtful of is; whether we've considered all the options because I'd hate to bring the grade threes over and in a couple years move them back. Hoping to hear soon about the modulars.
- Break out spaces- we have higher and higher special needs students in all schools. More and more children are needing more services and that requires space as well. So we want to make sure we are doing the best for our children.
- STEP program and what great things it can do for students in schools.

c) Town of Penhold Report

i. Ken Denson, *councillor Town of Penhold*

- We had a quiet Christmas with council, only one meeting and one workshop since. We had set five priorities that we wanted to look at safe communities, economic readiness, inter municipal

collaboration framework, highway 2a and 42 development, and parks and playground plan (walking paths and a dog park)

- we are talking with Axia which is a cable provider in getting fibre optic cable in to Penhold which will help the schools and businesses
- Red Deer got the CFR hopefully some of that will over flow in to Penhold

ii. Jamie Seiyama, *Family Resource Coordinator*

- This Saturday is Daddy and Me play day from 1-3
- Next Wednesday on January 24 we will be celebrating Family Literacy Day early- bug theme from 630-730
- On February 18 will be Winterfest right before family day
- ATB event on St. Patricks day with duelling pianos, dj, photo booth, raising funds for local not for profit organizations

d) Executive's Report

(i) Correspondence/Email

- a. ASCA- AGM minutes became available

(ii)Community Services Advisory Board (CSA)

- a. Did not meet in December

(iii)Muffin Morning and Toast Club

- a. Plugging along, no change

6. Business arising from prior Minutes

- a) NONE

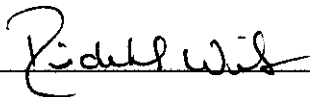
7. New Business


- a) February meeting falls during break. Theoretically we can move it to the 14 or the 28. Only thing that needs to be discussed is Spring Fundraising. PAC agreed to forego the February meeting and the next meeting will be March 21, 2018.

8. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Minutes Approved on the 21 day of March, 2018.

 Chairperson

 Treasurer for Secretary