

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

Wednesday March 19, 2025 @ 6:00pm

1) Call to order at 6:11pm 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 Galisky, Councillor Town of Penhold
Kory Sholdice, Principal
Will Langlois, Vice-president Parent Society (virtual)
Laurin Levick, Director
Myranda Radomske, Secretary
Danielle Booker, Vice principal

Members Absent:

Ellen Freake, Treasurer
Margo Gruenwald, Teacher Representative

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda with revision to section 6. a) addition of vote on resolution A25-01.

Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk

Second: Laurin Levick

CARRIED

4) Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2025 meeting

Moved by: Amber Regnier

Second: Laurin Levick

CARRIED

5) Reports/Updates (15 minutes)

a) **School Report** – Principal Kory Sholdice

- **JDES Culture and Rebrand** - We have started working with staff around the foundational beliefs of relationship, what discipline is, and how brain research informs all of this. Over the next few months we will continue the learning and bringing to life Jessie, Duncan and "The Pack".
- **WIT (Wonderful Idea Time)** - Our classes all engaged in learning with our new Buffalo Kit. The focus for students was developing observation and prediction skills while learning about the cultural significance and historical uses of items from First Nations peoples.

information or if you qualify for this FREE tax filing service and would like to schedule an appointment, email fcss@townofpenhold.ca or call 403-886-4567.

- Mayor's Youth Recognition Award Nominations open March 15. Please consider nominating a youth in grades 7-12 that live in Penhold that up think would be perfect for this award.
- Next Family Play Day is Saturday, April 5, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Drop by for some Lego themed fun and connecting as a family.
- Kids Summer Camp 2025 will have the following dates:
 - Week #1: July 7th-11th
 - Week #2: July 21st-25th
 - Week #3: August 5th-8thKids Summer Camp is a day camp for ages 6-10. Registration opens on May 5th.

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

- New CESD Superintendent announced: Dr. Ryan Sawula, starting Jun 1, 2025
- Dr. Ryan Sawula would like to attend 21May2025 parent council meeting, Sherry to reach out to invite to May2025 meeting.
- Governance professional hired for transition of Superintendent
- Board re-election will occur in the fall
- Design funding for Sylvan Lake project confirmed – board will aim to be completed design by Dec2026. Planning for collegiate model for this project.
- JDES is #5 on capital list.
- Transportation – concerns regarding 'fly by's' by stopped busses. Cameras on busses & license plates of vehicles involved in 'fly by' being recorded and license plates being sent to RCMP to follow-up & ticket issued.
- Budget awareness: School bus costs ~\$180,000 per unit, many of these come from US – awaiting final decisions re: tariffs to budget for new units.

e) Executive's Report (5 minutes)

- i) Parents Matter – deferred to next meeting; minutes to be shared with council.
- ii) Education session School Council Purpose-Feedback – deferred to next meeting

6) Business arising from prior Minutes (10 minutes)

- a) Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Resolutions Vote: "majority vote"
 - P25-01 Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta: "No"
 - P25-02 Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools: "Yes"
 - P25-03 Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant- Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools: "Yes"
 - P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarten to Grade 3: "No"
 - P25-05 Online Safety: "Yes"
 - A25-01 To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students: "No"