

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

Wednesday April 16, 2025 @ 6:00pm

**1) Call to order at 6:09pm 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  
Kory Sholdice, Principal  
Will Langlois, Parent Society Vice-president (virtual)  
Danielle Booker, Vice Principal  
Margo Gruenwald, Teacher Representative  
Courtney Nygren, Parent  
Tyrone Muller – Town of Penhold Representative (alternate for Cameron Galisky)

**Members Absent:**

Ellen Freake, Treasurer  
Laurin Levick, Director  
Myranda Radomske, Secretary  
Cameron Galisky, Councillor Town of Penhold

**3) Approval of Agenda**

*(members may request an item to be added to the agenda at this time)*

Motion to approve Agenda for April 2025 meeting.

Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk

Second: Will Langlois

CARRIED

**4) Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2025 meeting**

Motion to approve minutes from March 2025 meeting.

Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk

Second: Danielle Booker

CARRIED

**5) Reports/Updates (15 minutes)**

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

**1. Zipline**

- Kory applied for an interest free loan from the division, but we were denied. Will not be able to proceed this year. There is no AESBP grant. The dirt work quote received from

Darrell is \$18 000. No savings with that company. Will apply for CFIP grant for next year and will look into others to see what we can qualify for.

- We could use the money that we will save for soccer nets.
- Shlockey should be ready in the next week or two.

## **2. Pound It**

-Big success! Will book for next year. Lots of good feedback on the structure this year as well as the time of the year. Brandi will reach out to tentatively book for the second or third week in March next year. More staff involvement next year?

## **3. JDES Culture**

- A smaller group continues to work with the staff to guide discussions and decisions about how we operate and what we believe at JDES. Each staff member has been given a brainstorming sheet to collect ideas which we will then synthesize and create actionable items. The topics for the brainstorming include: Common language, Jessie and Duncan, The Pack, Celebrations and Awards and Routines/Rituals and norms.

## **4. Flexible Learning**

- Grade 1-8 students NEW to our school division will have the opportunity to enroll in a remote asynchronous program.
- A teacher(s) and a central location will provide service to students looking for online learning,
- Students that are currently on modified or blended programming, or are currently enrolled with Chinook's Edge will not be accepted into this pilot

## **5. Spell-a-thon**

- Our kickoff was on March 31st. The fundraiser will run as it has in the past. Three high school students came and planned a play to present at the kickoff assembly and will come back next year. Celebration/assembly will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. New prize this year – Danielle and Kory will take 5 kids out for supper.

### **b) Teacher Report – (10 minutes)**

- Kindergarten** - Kinders are finishing up our letters and letter sounds, exploring Spring and have had chicks hatch in Mrs. Rosenberger's room.
- Grade 1**
  - Spell-A-Thon Centers
  - Scientific Method (Doing the rainbow drop experiment)
  - HLAT - Story writing - building stamina to write for 40 mins
  - 1B - Barabara Ried Clay Art project
  - Math - addition (friends of 10, the doubles club, fact families)
  - Social Studies presenting to classmates about what community or group we belong to
- Grade 2**
  - LA - story writing and building stamina for HLAT
  - Practicing for spell-a-thon
  - Math - 2-digit addition and subtraction strategies
  - Science - light and sound energy - finishing up unit
  - Social Studies -Inuit study/museum and special guest - learning about the community of Nunavut

**iv) Grade 3**

- Science - Forces and Simple Machines, Earth Systems
- Social - Learning about culture in 4 different countries. (Traditions, celebrations, geography, food...) research
- L.A. - story writing, elaborating, figurative language, reading comprehension, novel studies - Fantastic Mr. Fox
- Math - multiplication and division, problem solving, reasoning, equality
- Google tech skills

**c) Town of Penhold Report**

**I) Town Council – Tyrone Muller on behalf of Cameron Galisky(5 minutes)**

- Town members were able to take a walk through of the new middle school. Going to be a great addition to the community.
- Most recent council meeting discussed the new public services building – \$200,000 more due to tariffs.
- Welcome to Penhold event -April 23 @ 5-7pm in the library
- Town of Penhold agreed to host Grand Slam bull riding event on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held on the pavement in front of the multiplex. A baseball tournament will be going on that weekend as well.

**II) FCSS Community Navigator – Jamie Seiyama (5 minutes)**

- Community Garage Sale will be Saturday May 24, registrations will open on the Town website in May.
- April/May Playgroup schedule is out. Playgroup is most Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
- Penhold & District Library is doing a Watercolor Journaling session on April 30. There is a choice of two session, one with Palliative Ponders at 1:00 pm and a community session from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Cost is \$10/person.
- Welcome to Penhold Night: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the library. If you know anyone new to Penhold in the last year have them drop by this informal evening to say hello. Also, they will get a new resident package if they have not already received one, enjoy a treat, be entered into a door prize draw and maybe meet a neighbor or two.
- This year as a community partner, Penhold FCSS is partnering with CPA Alberta to provide FREE 2024 Tax Returns to eligible individuals within our community. This ends April 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information or if you qualify for this FREE tax filing service and would like to schedule an appointment, email [fcss@townofpenhold.ca](mailto:fcss@townofpenhold.ca) or call 403-886-4567.
- Mayor's Youth Recognition Award Nominations close April 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, May 10, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Drop by for some board game fun and connecting as a family.
- Kids Summer Camp 2025 registration opens on May 5<sup>th</sup> for ages 6-10. Weeks are:
  - Week #1: July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
  - Week #2: July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
  - Week #3: August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- Smile Cookies April 28<sup>th</sup>- May 4<sup>th</sup> all proceeds go to the Penhold Youth Club.
- PYC Bottle Drive on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- School and transportation fees are being increased. Early registration for funded students – \$200.00. Unfunded – \$550.00. After May 31, fees increase to \$250.00 for funded students and \$550.00 for unfunded.
- Edwin Parr nominee from Penhold Elementary School this year
- New superintendent has not yet responded to invite to attend a parent council meeting. He might be able to come to the May or September meeting.
- All three schools in Innisfail are coming together to meet the new superintendent. Maybe we could do the same? At the new school?
- Budget will be approved at the end of May

**e) Executive's Report (5 minutes)**

I. Parents Matter – Next meeting is April 30 @ 6:30-8pm. Myranda is not able to attend. Will may be able to attend but will confirm. If nobody is able to attend, Courtney can present questions on our behalf.

II. Education session School Council Purpose-Feedback – We sent feedback that the session was valuable, but it would better to have some more targeted sessions available that are based on different levels of council establishment. Also suggested that it would be nice to have an option for multiple schools within a community to host an in person session and share costs.

**6) Business arising from prior Minutes (10 minutes)**

- a) Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)-Finances – 2022/23 and 2023/24 reports have now been completed. Need to complete a detailed report of school council action during those years. Laura is working on this and will submit.
- b) School Council Resource Guide-Core Activities – Kory sent out a letter outlining what types of topics should be discussed at parent council meetings, and what topics should not.
  - Concern regarding the lack of information that has been shared with parents in the community regarding the termination of the current agreement between CESD and the Town of Penhold Library.

**7) New Business (5 Minutes)**

- a) Parent Engagement – Weber physiotherapy session presenting information focussed on the nervous system? Has had success using touch therapy as a way to aid children who have social emotional struggles to calm and regulate. Is this something that we would want to use our ACE grant money for?
- b) RAWG – Table until next meeting
- c) Graffiti – electrical box – Kory will contact maintenance

**8) Next Meeting May 21, 2025 @ 6pm and adjournment at 7:22pm**

Future Meeting Dates:

➤ May 21<sup>st</sup> /2025

Minutes Approved on the 21 day of May, 2025.

Len Gill Chairperson

Madonika Secretary