

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

Wednesday May 21st, 2025 @ 6:00pm

- 1) **Call to order** at 7:06pm by Chairperson, Laura Gillam
- 2) **Welcome & Introductions** (5 minutes)

Members Present:

Laura Gillam, School Council Chair
Brandi Filipchuk, Parent Society President
Cameron Galisky, Councillor Town of Penhold
Kory Sholdice, Principal
Myranda Radomske, Secretary
Danielle Booker, Vice principal
Sherry Cooper, School Board Trustee
Courtney Nygren, Parent

Members Absent:

Ellen Freake, Treasurer
Ashley Wingie, Director
Jamie Seiyoma, FCSS
Amber Regnier, Vice-Chair
Will Langlois, Vice-president Parent Society (virtual)
Laurin Levick, Director
Margo Gruenwald, Teacher Representative

- 1) **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve Agenda for May2025 meeting with addition of 5. b). Soccer Nets.
Moved by: Myranda Radomske
Second: Courtney Nygren
CARRIED
- 2) **Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2025 meeting**
Motion to approve minutes from March2025 meeting.
Moved by: Brandi Filipchuk
Second: Courtney Nygren
CARRIED
- 3) **Reports/Updates** (15 minutes)
 - a) **School Report** – Principal Kory Sholdice (20 minutes)
-**Alternative Spaces** - For several years we have been developing alternative spaces for students with complex needs. These spaces help students with complex needs or behavior issues to stay regulated, helping our entire school remain calm. Previous to this year we have had the following:
 - a Sensory Room (located off the library),

- We will be doing Park Plays around the community throughout the summer. Stay tuned for where we will be.
- Kids Summer Camp registrations opened and after an unexpected technical glitch we filled both week #1 and #3 quickly. There are still spots in week #2: July 21st-25th.
- PYC Open House will be Friday, September 12th @ 5-7 pm in the PYC room. PYC programming is for grades 4-12.
- PYC Bottle Drive on May 22nd. They will be going around Penhold collecting on that Thursday night.
- PYC will be doing a pancake breakfast on Canada before the community celebration.

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

- Negotiations will begin between province and ATA (central bargaining) and local bargaining will occur in the fall.
- Town of Penhold had a meeting with the School Board about possibilities for use of old PES lot after the building is demolished. Ongoing discussions between the Town of Penhold and the school board to determine use of that space.
- Public Library update that the wall dividing the public library and Penhold high school will be retractable, so options to open this space or divide it where needed.
- Penhold Waskasoo Middle School is on track for opening Sept2025 as planned.
- Special board meeting in May2025 to approve budget (in addition to the usual May2025 board meeting).
- Kurt Sacher retirement celebration occurred today after 15years CESD Superintendent.

e) Executive's Report (10 minutes)

I. Parents Matter

- Will Langlois – Will unable to attend. See meeting minutes for information.

II. AGM- Courtney Nygren

- Symposium attended by Courtney. She submitted JDES SC votes on our behalf. Courtney presented the results from the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2025 Annual General Meeting Advocacy Resolutions Results. She notes that ASCA presented option of 'all access pass' for \$500 for next year – the month of September is free, if interested school council chair person to send email to ASCA.

4) Business arising from prior Minutes (5 minutes).

- a) Zip-line moving forward – discussed in School Report.

5) New Business (10 Minutes)

- a) Culture: defer to next meeting.
- b) Soccer nets: 4 soccer nets quoted for \$4400, guaranteed until Jun 15/2025. Cemented into the ground. Kory to confirm

6) Next Meeting: AGM September 17th, 2025 @ 6pm and adjournment at 8:22pm.

Minutes approved on the 17th day of Sept. 2025

Laura Dill Chair

Madame Secretary