

Penhold School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, *September 12, 2023*
Minutes

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM by President, (name).
- Members Present:
Nora Holben, President
Lori Wolfe, Director
Jen Charles, Parent
Jaime Seiyama, FCSS Community Worker
Elizabeth Dahl, Parent
Mike Dahl, Parent
Natasha Caissie, Treasurer
Jenna Murphy, Director
Ken Denson, Town Councillor
Giselle Meyer, Acting Principal
Kim Gauthier, Parent
Margo Gruenwold, Parent
Janice Draper, Parent
Renee Mairs, Secretary
Sherry Cooper, Trustee

- Review of the Agenda
 - **Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.**
Moved By: Natasha
CARRIED

- Review of the Minutes
 - May 9, 2023
 - **Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.**
Moved By: Natasha
CARRIED

- Executive Report
 - Correspondence - none

- School Report – Giselle Meyer
 - Parent council thanks for the yummy teacher gifts at the end of the year
 - New staff review
 - Lisa B is back October 16th
 - 6 new registrations in the last week alone. Just under 230 kids. Class sizes range between 24-27. Grade 5 group is the biggest group
 - EA support - one on every team

- Nutrition: Most portion of the grant come to PES and JD, and some is disbursed to other centers. Jen Andrews on board to help with disbursement of funds.
- Great new group of students
- School fundraising and field trips - teacher teams to plan out in september to be presented to PAC at the next meeting - so we can see it as a whole.
- New things: 1. Staff leadership teams. Staff is split into four teams: school culture, athletics, clubs, special events
- CTF classes will be starting up - options. Brought in fibre arts, steel box cars, meal, wire art. Helpful for kids to see there is a multitude of careers out there.
- This Thursday the Girls in Aviation Program has been invited to speak. A female helicopter pilot will come and speak directly to the grade 6 students. Girls in Aviation is in a couple of weeks on September 23rd.
- Swimming is continuing this year. \$67 dollars. Grade 6 starts.
- Assemblies are on the first monday of the month except for January. If your kiddo is winning an award the teacher will be in touch before hand so you can come.
- PAC pays the entry fee for the DAWE run:

Motion to pay the \$100 entry fee for the DAWE run from the PAC General Account

Motioned by: Lori

CARRIED

- New school: the builder has been chosen for the new school When that announcement is made the ground will be broken about 3 weeks later. Doubts it will be ready by September 2025 so a mid-year move may have to happen. Very disruptive for grade 8's that year and decisions needs to be made
- Playground: will move this year for design and community input. Kids will be polled, other playgrounds looked at, and start to look for a builder by the end of the year. This will help narrow down the amount of the playgroud. A community member has offered to donate the ground works for the playground.
- Parents Matter - a member of every school is invited to meetings with the division to get a glimpse of the big issues. Elizabeth Dahl has volunteered to be a Parents Matter volunteer for PES.
- School Board – Sherry Cooper
 - Girls in Aviation Day on September 23rd. Please pre-register. Link to register is on PES website
 - Been appointed Vice-chair of the Board. Sherry will be done her term on the rural caucus later this year
 - Was in Banff in July for Canadian school board national meeting. Talked to the Minister of Education. Had a chance to listen to whats going on across the country in Canada in the different school divisions.
 - The Board met in August. This year is working on the strategic planning. Lots to push across the line. Teacher, parents and business people will be talked too and a report made to the board. Risk assessment happening and audit on the division being done. All kinds of risk mitigation. What are the policies the board has to help clarify direction for parents and teachers - all seen from a risk averse perspective. Looking at the policies in place in many areas. Really helps with questions when policies and admin are in place.

- Town of Penhold Update
 - Town Council - Ken Denson
 - Quiet over the summer
 - Bi-Election on the October 6th - Cameron Gillespie is the new councillor
 - Fall Festival was on the weekend with fire works. It went very well.
 - Council is working on affordable housing - an apartment complex, some senior housing and 50+ housing
 - Policing - rise in crime. Staff Sargeant coming to the multiplex in October
 - Community Hub is now finished
 - Active transporation system - paving and bike paths going in. Completion will be in 2024
 - Family from Hay River billeted in Penhold. They don't want to leave.
 - Penhold FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama
 - Vaping and Cannabis information session for parents. September 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Penhold Crossing Library. To register email fcss@townofpenhold.ca
 - Every Little Bit Helps Community Workshop Series being held across the Red Deer & District FCSS communities. Here in Penhold we will be hosting a session on food consumption & savings, Senior’s Benefits and an Energy Efficiency session. We will be holding the Food Consumption & Savings session with Alberta Health Services on October 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about ways to outsmart the grocery store and your food bill with a hands on interactive portion where we will make some things to take home. To register email fcss@townofpenhold.ca. Details of the other sessions to come.
 - Daddy & Me Play Day, September 23, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Come drop by the library for some circus themed crafts, a snack and quality time together.
 - Ma & Pa’s have picked the Penhold Elementary School Playground fundraiser to be the recipient of the donations of the Fall Festival Show and Shine. The show & Shine was a great success and there as \$376 raised. A cheque will be coming to the school soon.
 - Save November 24th in your calendars for Community Christmas, our next community wide event. Carrie will be reaching out to the school in the coming weeks about ornaments to help decorate the giant tree and performing for the event.
 - Penhold Youth Club starts back up tomorrow, September 13th. Calendars can be found online on the Town of Penhold website or the PYC Facebook page, at the Town office, in the PYC room or dropped off at the school.
 - Please contact Amanda with any questions or more information for PYC, her contact is 403-886-3269 or alindgren@townofpenhold.ca
- Standing Business:
 - None
- New Business: General Elections:
 - Dissolution of current Executive and election of new Executive to be done at the Parent Council meeting
- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be October 10 at 7:00pm.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____ *President*

_____ *Secretary*