

Penhold School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, *November 8, 2022*
Minutes

1.0 Meeting Called to Order at 7 PM by President, Amanda Wilson.

2.0 Members Present:

- Giselle Meyers, Principal
- Mark Crawford, Vice-Principal
- Ken Denson, Town Councillor
- Sherry Cooper, Trustee
- Jamie Seiyama, Penhold FCSS Community Worker
- Amanda Wilson, President
- Nora Holben, Vice-President
- Natasha Caissie, Treasurer
- Renee Mairs, Secretary

3.0 Review of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.

Moved By: Nora

CARRIED

4.0 Review of the Minutes

a. November 8, 2022

Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.

Moved By: Nora

CARRIED

5.0 Executive Report

a. Correspondence

i. No correspondence

6.0 School Report – Mark Crawford

a) AHS Respiratory Infection Outbreak letter and attendance

b) Parent / Teacher interviews

c) Success of the Halloween Dance / Movie

d) Farm to school fundraiser - we would love feedback on how families liked the product they got.

e) We sold ~\$1600 worth of vegetables which gave \$800 back to the school. Would consider running it again in the spring for pick up right before Easter if families liked it. We typically raise close to \$4000 as a whole school throughout the year with past fundraisers - this is much less.

f) October Assembly - Compassion, November's value is Perseverance

Coming up:

g) Remembrance Ceremony at Penhold Crossing, November 9th at 10:00

h) Swimming 5J / 6D starts Nov. 15th

i) Picture retake Nov. 15th

j) School Board visit on November 23rd

k) Choir Club - Christmas in Penhold Nov. 25, Christmas in Springbrook, Dec. 3rd

l) December 5th Assembly, December value is responsibility

m) Options - next round starts on December 12 . Info will be sent to parents next week on which options are available for the kids to choose from. (all are the same except Kendra wants to do Cosmetology I believe)

n) Report cards - moved to twice a year - first one going out at the end of January. Are grade 5 and

6 parents accessing grades through power school regularly? Christmas Hampers - will be doing some activities over the coming weeks to bring in food

- o) Donations - last year we made 42 hampers with majority of the items from donations from the 3 schools.
- p) January Assembly, Jan. 9th value is fairness
- q) Canyon Ski Days - intent forms to attend will be going out next week so families can let us know if their student will be attending. January 13th and February 16th. Transportation is covered by
- r) School fund raising.
 - Full rental, lift ticket, lesson = \$102 total covers both days
 - Lift ticket, lesson = \$52 total
 - Lesson only = \$40 total
 - Helmet only = \$7 each day, paid at the hill
- s) Safety Drills: We will be practicing our “secure our school” and “emergency lockdown” procedures back to back
- t) This month as a walk through, so not quite a formal drill. We want to ensure that students are not overly worried.
- u) New School Update: Close to having the architect drawings that will go to committee for feedback
- v) Construction meeting today, so awaiting any new information

7.0 School Board – Sherry Cooper

- a) Board is gathering info from the superintendent team. One of which is the attendance numbers and stats.
- b) Wanting to educate parents on reasons for attendance issues and how it affects education – if you lose more than 18 days every year, you’ve missed the equivalent of grade 12. A presentation is being prepared.
- c) Attendance expectations have changed since covid, since sick kids shouldn’t be coming. So now the goal is 90%. Covid changed the rules.
- d) Tool to have a good look at vulnerable kids and how to help them catch up. Includes home life considerations. Sherry is encouraged by what the staff is doing.
- e) Held a celebration for staff recently and had a wonderful time. Celebrated retirees, long service awards etc. Really fun for the new teachers to see the older teachers and hear their stories and see their long tenure.
- f) December – meetings to talk about the May elections and figuring out how to approach the candidates that will be running in the election.
- g) Getting ready for next steps for the new school.
- h) Waiting for the final funding for the new school.
- i) Board has decided that they need to get out there and talk about things that are happening in the Division to bring attention to how much gets done. Talking with administrators to bring the Board their ideas. Set aside \$3000 over the next 2 years to pilot the program. Everything brought to the Board has to have an educational component. Need to look at longer term funding from organizations/community partners. Also, community involvement. Great opportunity for the schools to be more involved with the community and visa versa. Schools get to give their ideas for the projects and they have to have an educational component, funding component, and community component. Christmas Concert - will be at Pen X this year on Dec 15th at 6:00

8.0 Town of Penhold Update

- a. Town Council - Ken Denson
 - i. Pretty quiet
 - ii. Budget deliberations coming up. Goal is to keep taxes where they are right now – which is a 0% increase. Red Deer and other places are increasing their taxes.
 - iii. Alberta Municipalities has award the Platinum Medal Awards to four of Penhold community Members.
 - iv. Organizational meeting last council.
 - v. Weather held for Halloween
 - vi. A Remembrance celebration will be held on the 10th and Town Council will be there then.

- 9.0 Family Resource Coordinator – Jamie Seiyama, Penhold FCSS Community Worker
- a. Super Dads Super Kids workshop on November 23, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Email jseiyama@townofpenhold.ca to register.
 - b. Community Legal Clinic on November 22, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Wills & Estate Planning Information Session,
 - c. Temporary Photo ID and Ask-A-Lawyer.
 - d. Unfortunately Charity Checkstop had to be cancelled due to weather. We will be accepting donations at Community Christmas for our Town of Penhold Assistance Programs, as well as donations for the Food Bank and Christmas Bureau. Or anytime all year long at the town office during office hours.
 - e. Community Christmas is Friday November 25 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Tons to do and see!
 - f. Christmas Services applications at the agencies in Red Deer that service Penhold are now open.
 - g. There has been a high demand for snow angels given the weather. People needing assistance will have a sign in their window or on their front lawn or you can call Jennifer Blaylock for addresses.
 - h. PYC will be closed during Christmas break.

- 10.0 Standing Business:
- None

- 11.0 New Business:
- Change of meeting time discussed to attract more parents. Suggestion was to move it to 6 but that was not motioned. Meeting will stay at the same time.
 - Amanda Wilson suggesting that more information goes out to the school population about what parent council is actually about

- 12.0 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment
- Next Meeting will be January 17 at 7:00pm.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Approved on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

_____ *President*

_____ *Secretary*