

Penhold School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Minutes

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 PM by Vice-President, Natasha Caissie for, Nora Holben.

- Members Present:
Natasha Caissie, Vice-President

Elizabeth Dahl, Treasurer

Renee Mairs, Secretary

Lisa Baird, Principal

Giselle Meyer, Vice-Principal

Ken Denson, Town Councillor

Jamie Sieyama, FCSS Community Worker

Sherry Cooper, School Trustee

Lori Wolfe, Parent

Karen Kormos, Parent

Margo Gruenewald, Parent

Delacey von Busse, Parent

Teresa Cunningham, Parent

- Review of the Agenda May 14, 2024
Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.
Moved By: Delacey
CARRIED

- Review of the Minutes
 - **Motion to approve addendum to the April 9th 2024 minutes to include the following ASCA voting results:**
Administrative Resolutions
 - A24-01 Maintain Advocacy Policies: 94-8, 02-15, 03-9, 04-15, 14-3 YES
 - A24-02 Amend Advocacy Policies: 02-13, 02-12 and 02-04; and to Revise ASCA Advocacy Policies 03-07 and 08-06 YES

Moved by: Elizabeth Dahl
CARRIED

- April 9, 2024
Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.
Moved By: Delacey von Busse
CARRIED

- Executive Report
 - Correspondence - ASCA amendments to be voted on by Karen Kormos at the ASCA AGM on April 28, 2024, sent on April 24th
 - School Council and Parent Council reporting to the Division caught up and done
- School Report – Lisa Baird
 - School build - it is expected that we will be on time. Walls need to go up.
 - Playground can't go up until September 2025
 - Teachers aren't aware that we won't have access to the building at the end of the school year - it will have to be a summer move
 - Working on furniture behind the scenes, outlets, etc
 - Ordering books for the library, new sports equipment - big big numbers
 - Students are excited but experiencing some loss
 - behind the scenes will be a committee that will close the building - trying to build student community there to help them
 - Parent survey went out in the newsletter and the bulletin due to feedback from parents - information sent to parents in the May 7th Panther Bulletin
 - Class list development on May 31st - quite the process, so the survey is very helpful - does include grade 6
 - Started last round of options
 - Mrs. Meyer has been working on a change to the timetable for next year due to parent feedback. Concerns that kids are playing outside for as much as 15 minutes. Students will start their day earlier and learning will start right away. Adding SWAP block - Switch With A Purpose. School intervention time assessing students in numeracy, writing and literacy. Intervention will be given to students who need it. Enrichment side for students to work on passions etc. 4 rounds in total. Ties nicely to life-skills programming. This will be presented in the spring and go ahead in the fall. Staff are on-board. Questions about notifying parents on the groups etc
 - Student Support Lead - a new position helping out with students with complex needs. Jill Nielson has accepted that position. Jess Hammer is moving to teach grade 4.
 - Welcomed the Cochrane Band on their way to Edmonton. 45 minutes concert - a great intro to a potential band program. Penhold Crossing hosted a symphony.
 - Lots of learning and engagement and assessments happening right now.
 - Grade 6's are getting prepped for PAT's
 - 4 students who have had 100% attendance were celebrated at the last assembly

- Working on plans for Indigenous Day on June 21st - lots planned
- Special thanks to Elizabeth on her work for insurance and CFEP, as well as Giselle and Natasha
- Playground - RFP done and company selected. 9 companies submitted bid. Chose the only company that came in under \$500k - BDI. BDI submitted two different proposals. One over \$500k. and one under. Students have not seen

the details yet because the designs will probably change. It has to get run by the Division Safety Officers.

- Still have to meet \$125k for the playground.
 - BDI are very responsive with great references.
 - Letter from the Town was sent today indicating that the town will provide financial assistance to help us meet the CFEP matching grant of \$125k. Special thanks to Ken Denson for his advocacy on behalf of the school. Lots to consider that we could add in if we get additional funding, including more swings pending the available space. Sod will have to be laid in the fall.
 - Parent Council will be involved once BDI comes back with more information.
 - We have to wait for the CFEP grant to come through. If we aren't successful we will work with the donations we have. Playground equipment deposit of 50% has to be put down by December 15th, especially if we want 2024 pricing. Prices will increase January 2025.
 - Fundraiser idea by Lori Wolfe for next year to "buy your own sod"
 - 3 kids almost run over this morning by a blue truck this morning. Lisa took steps with parents to inform them, called the RCMP, and walked them back across the cross walk this afternoon. There was a witness. Lori Wolfe to check her cameras.
- School Board – Sherry Cooper
 - The Board does not know what is going to happen with the old school building yet. Government has decided that if you have a surplus building, you have to give it back to the province. The province gets to decide how it gets disposed off.
 - Past policy was that you could sell off previous properties and put the capital back into other projects.
 - If the building isn't declared a surplus but is repurposed then this doesn't have to happen.
 - This could become part of the transportation department for Prairie.
 - Board is looking into contracts with transportation suppliers for cost effectiveness. Running our own fleet is more cost effective and certain standards can be maintained more easily aka: repairs, age of the bus etc. There is more control over the buses when its in-house instead of being contracted out.
 - More routes can be done ourselves - the Division has options
 - Board reviewed its own budget: for trustees, travel time etc. - part of the budget includes the money set aside for the Innovation Grant: \$50-100k is set aside for the Innovation Grant out of \$500k. Board runs around 3.2% of overall budget so more money goes to the classroom
 - Edwin Park Award Banquet happening at the end of the month for awards. A lovely new teacher got awarded the award this year from Innisfail.
 - Superintendent evaluation will be done by the end of June
 - Sherry has been asked to attend a couple of meetings for dual credit
 - Parents Matter meeting went well. In June - meeting in Calgary where cell phone policy will be discussed. Zone 4 rep to bring forward the resolution from school boards for cell phone policies.
 - Town of Penhold Update
 - Town Council - Ken Denson
 - The Town met with the trustees
 - New school and old school discussion - old school is up in the air. Town has some ideas. Need some consultation with town citizens
 - Playground - a group council effort - the amount of \$45k was passed through council. Everyone on town council wants the playground to go ahead.

- Penhold FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama
 - Next Daddy & Me Play Day is on May 25th @ Penhold & District Library, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Drop into the library for some construction themed fun.
 - We will be having some summer park plays at different parks around town. Watch the Reporter and our social media for dates.
 - Save the Date for Discovery Night August 27th.
 - Senior’s Week is June 3-9 with some casual activities.
 - Palliative Ponders Death Café on May 22 @ 1:00 pm in the Library.
 - Community Garage Sale registration ends May 21, list will be published May 22 on Town website & social media. So far there are over 30 garage sales registered for May 25.
 - Canada Day Pancake Breakfast & Event will be held Monday July 1 at Lincoln Street Rec
 - Fall Festival planning is well underway, thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. Parade will be Saturday Sept. 7 and registrations will open in June. This year’s Honourary Parade Marshall will be 7 Penhold Air Cadets in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. The parade theme will be Dreams Take Flight.
 - Rides will be back at Fall Festival, specifics have not been determined yet as the contractor is purchasing some new rides and wants to unveil them at Fall Festival. Ride passes will be available for advance purchase at a discounted rate, watch for details in the coming weeks.
 - Census is still on going. As of May 14, 50% was completed. Phone calls to households who have not completed their census will begin after the May long weekend. Staff will be making the calls will be made in the evening so that, hopefully, people are home.
 - PYC June calendar is done.
 - PYC Bottle Drive on Thursday May 23rd at 3:30-7:30pm.
 - Open house will be September 11th.
 - PYC is open in July and August. Calendars will be ready early June and sent to the school and on PYC social media.

- Standing Business:

- None

- New Business:

- a. ASCA meeting update – Karen Kormos

- It went well
- Karen voted as per the wishes of the council
- A lot of discussion around the wording of the amendments - Karen to send me details
- Results should be up on ASCA website:

Proposed Advocacy Resolutions: Discussion from Karen's attendance at AGM (her notes are highlighted)

P24-01 Integrate Climate and Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12

- Not much of a discussion about but the YES votes were 75 and 70 no and 5 abstain.

P24-02 Funding for More Assessments of Learning Disabilities YES - The group enthusiastically supported the recommendation.

- A lot of discussion about the wording in the amendment, added neurodivergent to it. Unanimous vote was in favor of funding.

P24-03 Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms and Shared Environments

- Discussion on the wording for amendment. Conclusion of not having it. Need more data from Boston public school board before proceeding because of no cost estimates.

P24-04 Equity in Playground Funding.

- I talked, said what Elizabeth wrote (Importance of play, positives regarding criteria related to life cycle replacement and funding available to school without playgrounds. Concern regarding limited government funding) and added that we have to raise funds for our new school Playground and that government funding would help us a lot. Changes to amendment wording was also done. The new wording is on the website.

P24-05 Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

- A long discussion. A comment was made about "what happens in bad situation how does that work to identify a Non-binary.

P24-06 Resource Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)

- Only 2 spoke up for it not to be added to curriculum. Unanimous vote of NO

P24-07 Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

- Decision was made to archive it [not using it but will be accessible].

The EMERGENT RESOLUTIONS:

ERA 24-01 Opposing the Alberta Government's Proposed Policies re: Preserving Choice for Children and Youth"

- Does your school approve of adding opposing the Alberta government's proposed policies re preserving choice for children for children and use to agenda. I voted no and

- the majority vote was yes.
- ER - 02 I voted Abstain. Majority vote in favor was yes
- ERA-03 About Infrastructure Voting ended up being in favor

Administrative Resolutions

A24-01 Maintain Advocacy

- Wasn't put on election buddy and only 2 members spoke no about it so Unanimous vote was Yes.

A24-02 Amend Advocacy

- VOTING was a 115 yes, 9 NO ABSTAIN 0.
- These were voted on with Election Buddy. I followed what Elizabeth typed up.
- I forgot to mention that The president of ASCA has resigned.

Minutes Contd':

- b. Parent's Matters update- Elizabeth
 - Had last meeting in April
 - Consider having a partnership with the teachers - lots of ideas: like splitting meetings, having agenda's available before meetings, smaller meetings between the meetings to allow for discussion, working on having parent engagement (considering asking school administration to promote

parent engagement (considering asking school administration to promote school council more etc) and try to have parents from each class, councils committing to shorter meetings, ensuring all members feel included, **parent round table in the fall - something to consider**

- Encouragement to use the yearly grant available for ASCA workshops
- Facebook discussion on being used for engagement and that its being used to celebrate great things in the schools
- Talked about cell phone policy - next meeting may be in October.
- If anything comes up to be brought to the division, feel free to email Elizabeth

- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be the School Council AGM on September 10 at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting

Motioned by: Delacey von Busse

CARRIED

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- Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm.

Approved on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____ *President*

_____ *Secretary*

