

Penhold School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 8 2024
Minutes

- Meeting Called to Order at 8:53 PM by Vice-Chair, Natasha Caissie. As a Secretary has not been appointed to date, Natasha Caissie will chair this meeting and Renee Mairs will stand in as Secretary.

- Members Present:
 - Natasha Caissie, Vice-Chair
 - Elizabeth Dahl, Parent
 - Renee Mairs, Chair
 - Karen Kormos, Parent
 - Giselle Meyer, Acting Principal
 - Ken Denson, Town Councillor
 - Sherry Cooper, School Trustee
 - Jamie Seiyama, FCSS Community Worker
 - Brandi Filipchuk, Parent
 - Kimberly Gauthier, Parent
 - Courtney Nygren, Parent
 - Janice Draper, Parent
 - Mandy Toporowski, Parent
 - Margo Gruenwald, Parent

- Review of the Agenda
 - Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.**
 - Moved By: Courtney**
 - Second by: Karen**
 - CARRIED**

- Review of the Minutes
 - September 10, 2024
 - Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.**
 - Moved By: Courtney**
 - Second by: Margo**
 - CARRIED**

- Executive Report - Renee Mairs
 - Correspondence
 - E-council news

- School Report – Acting Principal Giselle Meyer
 - Presentation of creation of new school logo

- Options start on the 21st
- SWAP assessments happened in September and kids have been put into different groups - around 12 groups
- PT November 5/6th
- First assembly was yesterday. Grade 6 ambassadors are leading it. Over 40 kids this year
- Remembrance day will be done with the Town, November 7th at 10am at the Crossing. Grade 4 will be doing the Flanders Field poem
- Cross country run has finished. Kids placed quite well this year.
- Heading into volleyball season soon
- Third week of October volleyball starts for 5/6, and later for grade 4
- Tim Horton's Christmas Holiday cookie campaign - school has been contacted to have a role
- Suggestion to review how Terry Fox run is advertised by Natasha Caissie
- Also suggestion by Courtney to let parents know where the money for hot lunches go towards
- New school:
 - It's on time
 - All the footings are in
 - In the next week and a half, bids will go out for the big purchases like furniture etc. Hoping to have it all lined up by before the end of the year
 - The gym floor will have the floor logo put into it. It is needed by January
 - Kids will get together this week to poll about logo's
 - Parents will be included as well as staff
 - Designer should get info in the next couple of weeks and then will come back with sample designs
 - Just focusing on the logo for right now
 - Quick turn around
- School Board – Sherry Cooper
 - School is on track
 - Board is going through the hiring process - hired a research firm to get resumes for people who would like to be the new superintendent
 - Sherry may not be able to make Christmas concerts this year depending on the interview schedule
 - Celebration is happening on October 24th to honor employees
 - Inducting 8 new team members, and then teacher and staff recognition
 - Talking with MLA and ministry and next battle is mental health funding to make sure it continues. Funding given over the last two years needs to continue
- Town of Penhold Update
 - Town Council - Ken Denson
 - Alberta Municipality Convention in late September and mentioned about seniors housing and how Penhold is lacking resourcing
 - Hopefully chat about seniors housing at the next town meeting
 - Roundabout is now complete
 - Fright night - it will go on the town website
 - Public operations building award contract to Scott Builders. Final drawings and costs being worked on - fire hall and public operations, with small dog park

- Penhold FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama
 - Save the date for the next community event, Community Christmas November 22nd. Schools have invited to perform.
 - Next Family Play Day is on October 19th @ Penhold & District Library, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Drop into the library for some safari themed fun.
 - Next level of Adulting Unlocked workshops for ages 16-20. This one is on home hacks, basic sewing and laundry. October 23, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Register with Jamie or the library.
 - Craft & Connect Night. October 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Register with fcss@townofpenhold.ca
 - Playgroup schedule for Oct/Nov is out.
 - Ask-A-Lawyer Oct. 23 from 5-8pm in the Library - *Registration is required with very limited spots due to the appointment lengths, (20-30 minutes) with the lawyer. To book an appointment, please contact Jennifer/FCSS at (403) 886-3288 or fcss@townofpenhold.ca. Disclaimer: Clients are required to fill out an intake form at the event before seeing a lawyer. An appointment with a lawyer is not guaranteed as lawyers do not practice in all areas of law.
 - PYC Bowling Fundraiser Oct. 30. Tickets will be sold at Town Office, Eventbrite and at the market in Penhold on November 2nd and 17th.
 - PYC Grades 4-6 calendar for November is now available.
 - Family Skating on November 24th (All PYC Families are welcome).
- Standing Business:
 - Election of new Executive Members: Secretary (or acclaim)

Secretary:

Natasha Caissie put 1st call in for Nomination for Secretary:

- none
- 2nd call for nominations
- none
- 3rd Call for nominations
- none

This office will remain open until the next meeting on November 12 2024

- Karen to put a notice on FB advertising the Secretary role
- Parent Matter Update - Elizabeth Dahl
 - **Elizabeth to attend first meeting tomorrow night virtually**
 - **Courtney has volunteered to assist with the two other meetings this year - January 29th and April 30th**
- New Business:
 - ASCE Grant Usage - Elizabeth Dahl
 - \$500 we can use towards something if we have time to talk about it later
 - Defer until the next meeting November 12 2024

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Natasha
Second by: Renee

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment
 - Next Meeting will be November 12 at 7:00pm.
 - Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Approved on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

_____ *President*

_____ *Secretary*