

**Penhold School**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 PM by Chair, Renee Mairs.

**Members Present:**

- Lisa Baird- Principal
- Ken Denson- Councillor
- Jamie Seiyama- FCSS Community Worker
- Natasha Caissie- Vice Chair
- Renee Mairs- Chair
- Karen Kormos- Secretary
- Elizabeth Dahl- Parent
- Delacey von Busse- Parent
- Courtney Nygren- Parent
- Laurin Levick- Parent
- Alisha Toepfer- Parent

1. Review of the Agenda

**Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.**

**Moved By: Courtney Nygren**

**Second By: Natasha Caissie**

**CARRIED**

2. Review of the Minutes

**Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.**

**Moved By: Courtney Nygren**

**Second By: Renee Maris**

**CARRIED**

3. School Report – Lisa Baird

- Athletic logo has been decided. Bird is going on gym wall and working on getting the bird on the bleachers.
- First ski day was a success, having extra hands like parents, to help with lessons.
- Makers market, lots of students interested, not allowing baking from students. They all do it themselves, staff teaches kids about money. One of the administrators will be around there for help.
- Chuck a puck and hockey game in February. Changing it to 2 25 min half. Grade 4 by themselves and 5&6 together. More parents have signed up to play.
- Chuck a puck funds will be used for new jerseys.
- Pink shirt kindness day is happening Wednesday, Feb 26, getting homemade sugar cookies, students write on hearts and are given to staff.
- Winter break next week, staff off to a conference.
- Astrodome was a success, \$13.00 per student, funds from hot lunch paid for this.
- Without Family School Wellness worker. So, looking for a new one, Lisa and Giselle will help out for now. Reach out to them if hear from anyone interested in the position.
- Pie the staff happening in March, will gather everyone for that, top 2 earners will get to pie them.
- Alien in line, last week of march, students get 40 minutes with them to learn. Costs \$1200 for them to come.
- Head of construction of the new school is very happy with the progress, insulation and walls going up inside. Board and town councillors working on getting them in. Most of orders are arriving.

- Atlas machining has offered to take on making a sign with all our donors names on it. Will be engraved on it. Hoping to get started on it soon. Once she has some ideas of what type of categories to be put on it.
- Will have a learning commons inside that will be available to grade 12. Open space and have an indigenous carpet.

4. School Board – Sherry Cooper

- **Not available to attend.**

5. Town of Penhold Update

a. Town Council - Ken Denson

- Discussions still happening around residential and commercial development.
- A local man is going to donate a sphere sundial, is 46 inches across, will be set where the gazebo is. Kids and adults should enjoy it.
- Mayor Mike has put his name forward to run in position of MLA Earl Dreeshan.

b. Penhold FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama

- Penhold Cares Community Blood Drive is on now until the end of the month. If you are someone who donates blood, please feel free to share a selfie using #PenholdCares when you are donating. If you have been thinking about donating, now is a great time to give it a try! Don't forget to put a stone in the "Penhold" jar on your way to the snack area after you donate.
- Reminder to all groups about the changes for volunteering at events. Please submit your application with the events you would like to help with to Carri before March 20 Community Services Advisory Board Meeting. The reason for this is so that there is equal opportunity for all groups to be involved at Community Events.
- Feb/March Playgroup schedule is out. Playgroup is most Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am.
- Reminder Golden Circle Outreach does walk-ins twice a month on Thursdays at the Library if you have a senior in your life that could use information or assistance.
- Home Alone Course on March 22 is nearly full.
- Next CSAB meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the town office board room for those reps that attend the meetings.
- Next level of Adulting Unlocked workshops for ages 16-20 is on Home Maintenance on February 26, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Register with Jamie or the library.
- Next Family Play Day is Saturday, March 1, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Drop by for some stuffy hospital themed fun and connecting as a family.
- Thank you, Parent Council, for their help at the PYC Bowling event. It was great having you there!
- Kids Summer Camp 2025 will have the following dates:
  - Week #1: July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
  - Week #2: July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
  - Week #3: August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
  - Kids Summer Camp is a day camp for ages 6-10. More details will become available over the next couple of months and registration opens on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- February PYC calendar and newsletter are available.
- Note there is NO PYC during Winter break February 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Partnership opportunities – PYC is always open for partnership opportunities and are currently planning on April and May PYC days so if the school or parent council would like to partner on something please let PYC know.

6. Standing Business:

- ASCE Grant, Giselle e-mailed and we were turned down to use funds for Maker's market workshop idea.
- Do 4x4 tiles like at collicut centre. Chatted with aunt who has own pottery studio who can make the tiles but she is in Edmonton.
- Could possibly get pottery donated from RDPC because it's a heritage project.
- Buy supplies this year and make them the next year. Supplies will cost more than \$500.
- Make into a workshop, get parents to come in and help with it.
- Lisa is for it but will need to find wall space.
- Possibly have parent council to reach each parent group.
- Have them made in classrooms might be easier and to have parents engage.

Other option

- Joe Social Media is local to do a presentation about kid safety online and social media.
- Cost is \$500.
- Is good with it being a community event. He is booking into March.
- Two hours for kids one and 2 for adults.

**Will hear from Courtney soon.**

**Parents Matter**

- Courtney attended
- Talked about communication between schools, keep the super Intendant to email with parents
- Talk about AI, they are hoping teachers can use it for an explanation for math and writing a story, so teachers can be present to assist students.
- An AI software will be talked about more at next meeting.

7. New Business:

- New email received from ASCA about symposium conference being held on Saturday, April 26 and is being held on zoom at 9:30am to 3:30pm and cost is covered by CESD board.
- Courtney Nygren will attend.
- More than 1 person can attend.
- Deadline to reply is Friday, March 7.
- Next meeting will need to go over resolutions

8. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm**

**Moved By: Natasha Caissie**

**Second By: Elizabeth Dahl**

**CARRIED**