

**Penhold School**  
**School Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, *September 10, 2024*  
**Minutes**

- Meeting Called to Order at 6:59 PM by Chair, Nora Holben.

- Members Present:

- Nora Holben, Chair
- Natasha Caissie, President
- Elizabeth Dahl, Treasurer
- Renee Mairs, Secretary
- Giselle Meyer, Vice-Principal
- Ken Denson, Town Councillor
- Sherry Cooper, School Trustee
- Jamie Seiyama, FCSS Community Worker
- Lori Wolfe, Parent
- Jenna Murphy, Parent
- Laurin Levick, Parent
- Brandi Filipchuk, Parent
- Laura Gillam, Parent
- Alisha Toepfer, Parent
- Courtney Nygren, Parent
- Janice Draper, Parent
- Mandy Toporowski, Parent
- Jennifer Charles, Parent
- Karen Kormos, Parent

- Approval of the Agenda for September 10, 2024

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

**Moved By: Jenna Murphy**

**Second: Renee Mairs**

**CARRIED**

- Approval of the Minutes

- May 14, 2024

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

**Moved By: Lori Wolfe**

**Second: Elizabeth Dahl**

**CARRIED**

- Executive Report

- Correspondence - Renee Mairs

- School Council e-newsletters sent during the summer
  
- School Report – Lisa Baird via Giselle Meyer
  - Excited to be back!
  - New Staff - Lisa Fletcher, Clancy Pennock, Olysea Sedova, Ashley Gard, Esther Walkey, Kiera Davidson replacement coming end of Oct
  - Soft start for everyone 8:25am - 8:40am
  - Fundraisers
    - Farm to Table
    - Math-a-thon - new
      - Practicing math facts for 10 minutes per day
      - High hopes that this will bring in significant funds to offset field trip costs
    - Hanging baskets
    - Pie the Principal
    - Candy sales, etc.
  - Sports has started
  - Cross Country Running has begun
  - Request to have PAC pay for the cost of registration
  - Volleyball should start close to the end of the month
  - No date as of yet
  - Hour Zero Emergency Response
  - New program implemented across the whole division
  - SSL Role
    - Jill Neilson
    - Panther Den
  - Interventions including SWAP block
  - New School Update
  - Building is on time (as far as we know;))
  - Colour designs
  - CTF Options do not start until the middle of October so we will determine classes in the next couple of weeks, share the options with kids and parents, and then students will pick Kids and teachers excited to be back
  - New staff members: Lisa Fletcher, Clancy Pennock
  
- School Board – Sherry Cooper
  - Board meeting today
  - Doing work on the Superintendent role/replacement
  - Advertise outside of the province
  - Canadian search firm
  - Associate Superintendent Sean Russell is going to be retiring but Sean will stick around until his role is filled
  - Summer schools are growing in the division
  - About a dozen students took the summer school from outside the division
  - Gov sent out additional funding to boards to alleviate pressure created by the increase in enrollments. AB had about 200,000 people move to the province last year. Up to 1/3 are students. Putting lots of pressure on where to put them. Some of the money will be going to more teachers and EA's. Also, some will be used to provide support to teachers in sub-costs. As well as

- purchasing more chrome books and technology - and this might help the decision regarding cell phones.
  - Cell phone policy is coming. It is required to be in place by January. The admin procedure is being built this fall. Looking for consistency through out the division
  
- Town of Penhold Update
  - Town Council - Ken Denson
    - Council met last night
    - Quiet over the summer
    - New trail system is now in place except for one area because of an Atco issue over on Cochrane Blvd over to Lucina
    - School construction is looking good
    - Fall festival went very well and fireworks were great
    - Round about is almost done - no complaints brought into the town by citizens because of the round about
    - Seniors drop-in meeting - donated \$5k to build a mini-golf course by the musuem. Total cost will be around \$30k
    - Vote last night. \$45k allocated for the playground to be continued inspite of CFEB falling through
  
  - FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama
    - Thank you for your help with Fall Festival, especially at Craft Beer Night!
    - Save the date for the next community event, Community Christmas November 22nd.
    - Next Daddy & Me Play Day is on September 21st @ Penhold & District Library, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Drop into the library for some under the sea themed fun.
    - Running a series of Adulting Unlocked workshops for ages 16-20. The first one is tackling car care and crisis response. September 25, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. Register with Jamie or the library.
    - Thank you to school admin and the School Council for attending Discovery Night.
    - There are a few spots open for Home Alone (ages 9-12) for this Saturday.
    - Fall Babysitter’s Course (ages 11-15) is on September 21.
    - Playgroup resumes tomorrow.
    - Family Law: Ask-A-Lawyer (Community Legal Clinic) will be October 23, 5:00 -8:00 pm in the library. Approx 20 – 30 minutes one-on-one brief legal advice with a lawyer. It is free but appointments must be registered for. Poster coming soon.
    - September and October calendars are now available.
    - Open House is tomorrow from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
    - PYC is back up and running on September 13th.
    - If there is anything you want to partner with PYC for, please let them know.
  
- Standing Business:
  - Parents Matter - Elizabeth Dahl
    - Meeting 3 times in the school year for 90 minutes, virtually
    - No announcements yet for meetings this year
    - Elizabeth will attend this year but if anyone is interested please let Elizabeth know
  
- New Business:

- Elections:
  - Dissolution of current Executive

**Motion to dissolve current Executive of the School Council from the 2023-2024 school year.**

**Moved by: Renee Mairs  
Second Elizabeth Dahl  
CARRIED**

**Motion to defer election of the 2024-2025 School Council Executive until the end of the Parent Council meeting proceeding straight after the School Council meeting.**

**Moved by:  
CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn meeting**

**Moved by: Renee Mairs  
Second:  
CARRIED**

- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment
  - Next Meeting will be October 8th at 7:00 pm.
  - Meeting Adjourned at 7:29pm.

Approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Secretary*