

Penhold School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 13th, 2025
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04 PM by Chair, Renee.

Members Present:

- Lisa Baird, Principal
- Giselle Meyer, Vice-Principal
- Natasha Caissie, Vice-Chair
- Elizabeth Dahl, Parent
- Renee Mairs, Chair
- Karen Kormos, Secretary
- Ken Denson, Councillor
- Jamie Seiyama, FCSS Community Worker
- Courtney Nygren, Parent
- Janice Draper, Parent
- Brandi Filipchuk, Parent
- Sherry Cooper, Trustee

Review of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda, as presented/amended.

Moved By: Courtney Nygren

Second By: Elizabeth Dahl

Review of the Minutes

May 13th, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes, as presented/amended.

Moved By: Elizabeth Dahl

Second By: Courtney Nygren

Executive Report

Correspondence

- Received an email from Chinooks Edge School Division E-news, regarding division news.

School Report – Lisa Baird

Swimming Update

- Received a Letter about swimming costs.
- Cost would be \$100 per student

End of an Era event-June 1st 2:00 to 4:00pm

- Will get town to advertise on sign
- Letting people write messages on Gym walls for photo's
- Can PAC SELL STICKERS? Yes

Flower sales,

- Went seamlessly.
- Bluegrass set everything up, earned roughly \$2,000.

Feedback on Parent Survey,

- Did the survey, had over 97 parents responded.
- Question about parent engagement, where children are able to be supported.

Staffing update,

- Some will move up and down grades.
- Mrs. Deschambault will teach humanities.
- Mellissa Rose will do the power school side only and a new administration assistant will come in to learn next week.
- A new student services woman coming from London will help Jill Nielson.
- We are on time with the build. They will need every last minute to get done. Got hit with tariffs on furniture and to store them costs \$38,000. The board will help with the cost.

Next years fees,

- Options classes will cost more and Agenda's will go up
- Lockers locks will be given to grade 7 and 8 students, cost \$12.00 and a record of lock codes will be at the office.
- Hosted farm safety this week.
- Grade 6'ers will be getting immunizations.
- Grade 6'ers have been going over to Pen X to spend time with leadership team, learning volleyball and a camp will be happening in June.
- Hot lunch will be the same. Order online.
- No access to Cafeteria at Penhold Crossing School

School Board – Sherry Cooper

- Board meeting happened today.
- Awarded the Roy E Cope to Kurt Sacher-Superintendent and Ted Harvey-Director of Technology.
- Got a building update.
- Approved the Calendar for 2026/2027.
- Alberta aviation and aerospace conference and chinooks edge got to be a part of it and some students got hang out with West jet, etc., and learn about aviation and got to build mini airplanes.
- Alberta aviation and aerospace conference, recommended for Penhold crossing students to attend.
- Will be approving the budget next week.
- School Board meeting in June.
- Edwin Pare awards are coming up.
- Other schools in zone 4 are wanting to use the wording for Penhold schools land acknowledgment.

Town of Penhold Update

- a. Town Council - Ken Denson
 - Had bull-a-Rama and ball tournament, went well, raised \$5,000 for Penhold fire department to purchase a self-contained breathing apparatus.
 - Had council meeting, looking into building a playground in oxford landing
 - Discussed Penhold School land opportunities with chinooks edge but has to be kept confidential.
- b. Penhold FCSS Community Worker – Jamie Seiyama
 - Community Garage Sale is Saturday May 24. Registrations are open on our website until noon, May 21. The Garage Sale listing will be published May 22 on the Town of Penhold website and social media.
 - May/June Playgroup schedule is out. Playgroup is most Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am at Memorial Hall. Playgroup takes a break for July and August.
 - Would love to hear any feedback about youth week. We do gear the week towards older youth as they are not as engaged in our programming and the thought is that all youth will get to enjoy the celebration as they age in.
 - We will be providing popsicles to both Jessie Duncan and Penhold Elementary in recognition of all the students at those schools.
 - Save the Date for Penhold Discovery Night, Thursday August 21.
 - Next Craft & Connect night is June 24. We will be planting succulents.
 - Next Family Play Day is Saturday, June 14, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. This one will be outside at HawkrIDGE Park. We will be in the Penhold & District Library if the weather is bad.
 - We will be doing Park Plays around the community throughout the summer. Stay tuned for where we will be.
 - Kids Summer Camp registrations opened and after an unexpected technical glitch we filled both week #1 and #3 quickly. There are still spots in week #2: July 21st-25th.
 - May and June PYC calendars and May's newsletter are available.
 - PYC will be running the summer months with pop up programming.
 - PYC Open House will be Friday, September 12th @ 5-7 pm in the PYC room. PYC programming is for grades 4-12.
 - PYC Bottle Drive on May 22nd. They will be going around Penhold collecting on that Thursday night.
 - PYC will be doing a pancake breakfast on Canada before the community celebration.

Standing Business:

- ASCE Grant Usage- Renee Mairs
 - Need receipt for our records for what was used for.

New Business:

- ASCA Conference- Courtney Symes attended
 - A25-01 was voted for on each of the 3 points not as a whole. I did vote not in favour for all three for you.
 - A25-01 1) Motion Passed 71 in favour 72.45%
 - A25.01 2) Motion Passed 90 Cast their vote 70 in favour 77.78%
 - A25-01 3) Motion Passed 97 cast their vote 75 in favour 77.3%

- P25-01 Motion Defeated 104 cast their vote 37 in favour 67 opposed 64.42%
- P25-02 Motion Passed as Amended 97 Cast their vote 71 In favour 26 opposed 73.2% (this one had a large amendment that did not change the intent of the motion just included more examples of teachers and part time with full time, Again if you want the exact wording let me know).
- P25-03 Motion Defeated as Amended 96 cast their vote 43 in favour 53 opposed 55.21% (this one had 3 amendments before it was just defeated)
- P25-04 was voted on in 4 sections I voted opposed for 1-3 and 4 in favour
- P25-04 #1 Motion carried 96 cast their vote 71 in favour 25 opposed 73.96%
- P25-04 #2 Motion carried 89 cast their vote 79 in favour 10 opposed 88.76%
- P25-04 #3 Motion carried as amended 88 cast their vote 76 in favour 12 opposed 86.36%
- P25-04 #4 Motion carried 85 cast their vote 77 in favour 8 opposed 90.59%
- P25-05 was also voted on in 3 sections which I voted opposed for all 3 for us
- P25-05 1. Motion Defeated as amended 81 cast their vote 37 in favour 44 opposed 54.32%
- P25-05 2. Motion carried by Unanimous consent as amended.
- P25-05 3. Motion Carried by unanimous consent as is.
- A few other things, membership fee are expected to remain the same for this coming year \$125.00.
- They are coming out with a new ASCA All Access Pass for Sept 2025. It is something you can use your engagement grant on, essentially they are going to be providing 10 months of speakers/ learning opportunities.
- They will do a quick survey 2x during the year to find out what topics people are interested in and that's how they will determine what they will be doing for that month.
- It will be the full \$500 to get this service. It was unclear if you would get a recording to be able to have it on hand and give out to all parents somehow as they are trying to fine tune somethings.
- If this is something you guys are interested in you can email Director Tse or just the general email for ASCA and ask to be put on the list.
- They are doing the month of September free to show people what it will be like and then you would have to decide after that moment if you will commit for the rest of the year.

Talked about doing this free seminar in September to take advantage of it being free and being a great learning opportunity. Also to find out what it is all about.

Motion to attend the free seminar All access pass

Moved by: Renee Mairs

Second by: Courtney Nygren

Carried

- Parent Matters- April 30th,
 - Reach out to Kurt Sacher about the library.
 - Heard from River Valley about talked about AI not used for K-5.
 - Talked about google Gemini and will teach students in new school year.
 - How it will help teachers not have to read all the documents.
 - One council put into a high interest savings account. Something to think about.
 - Teacher appreciation they will provide lunch for a day, supervision for a day.

- Vote on new school council by-law changes/operating procedures-Renee Mairs

Motion to approve the new operating procedures of PWMS School council to take effect September 1st of 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Courtney Nygren

Seconded by: Natasha Caissie

Carried

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting will be at 7:00pm.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:11pm

Moved by Renee Mairs

Seconded by: Brandi Filipchuck

Approved on the _____ day of _____, 2025

_____ *President*

_____ *Secretary*