

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
May 15, 2017**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Colleen F Butler	Barb McNeill
Tracy Simons	Rayline Ziegler	

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm.

1. Approval of agenda – Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler welcomed the parents to the School Council Meeting. Roundtable introductions followed. The agenda was accepted.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

Approval of minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting was deferred to next meeting.

3. Old Business

a) Feedback on presentations

i. Mental Health Awareness – Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety (April 11)

- Approximately 20 people attended
- Feedback received - the presentation was informative.

ii. The Blanket Exercise (May 4)

- Event canceled; not enough people registered.
- Mrs. Allen is interested in holding the exercise next year, perhaps earlier in the year suggesting end of April.
- Next year grade 10 will participate in the activity. This year the activity was offered to grades 10, 11 and 12 in the 1st semester.

b) Alberta School Councils Association Conference (ASCA) and Annual General Meeting on April 28-30

- No rep from Salisbury this year.
- Mrs. McNeill provided feedback about the conference:
 - The Deputy Minister made a presentation.
 - The event was well attended.
 - Elk Island was well attended.

c) Feedback on Parent/ student / teacher interviews – April 19

- Quiet evening
- 1st semester is typically a busier evening.

4. New Business

a) September meeting date set for Sept 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

b) Mrs. Ziegler to prepare an annual report on the 2016/2017 activities of the School Council. The report is to be filed by the end of September 2017.

5. Reports

a) COSC Report – Nadine Duiker

Mrs. Duiker provided a written overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on May 3, 2017. For further details refer to the minutes on the EIPS web site.

<http://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes>

Highlights include:

- Update: *AP 164, Nutrition*; the healthy hot lunch event is May 31.
- ASCA Conference Overview
- Budget Presentation for 2017-18
- Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees
- Next COSC meeting is Oct. 4, 2017.

b) School Trustee Report - Barb McNeill

- **May 2 - Long Service and Retirement Event** – Hosted by EIPS and the Board of Trustees, the event was well attended and appreciation shown to long service and retiree recipients
- **May 3 – COSC Meeting** – Brief synopsis of the 2017/2018 proposed division budget was presented along with a review and discussion related to the AP 164 Nutrition and how it relates to promoting healthier foods within our schools.
- **May 29 – EIPS Board Meeting**
 - Approval of the Division 2017-2018 budget to be determined; budget has to be submitted to the AB Government by May 31.
 - Davidson Creek boundary options to be approved
 - Naming of new school in Davidson Creek to be approved
- **Alberta Education – New Provincial Curriculum Development – Provincial Survey** - The survey can be accessed at curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca and will be available until June 2, 2017.
- **Bill 8, An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government**

On April 10, 2017, Bill 8, An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government, was introduced by the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to amend the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). There are four proposed changes to the MGA that are relevant to Education in Alberta:

 - mandatory joint use agreements for school boards and municipalities;
 - an off-site levy exemption for public school building projects;
 - a new planning tool to assemble land and fund servicing for large school sites; and
 - mandatory municipal notification to school boards about annexations and amalgamations.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- IB Exams are underway.
- IB enrollment is up for next year.
- IB drama and art are new for next year.
- Mrs. Allen provided an overview of funding for schools.
 - Currently SAL is not on high school redesign.
 - High school redesign is based on an average number of credits for each student based on the 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 years.

- Average is approximately 35 credits/ student.
- Currently SAL is experiencing students taking 40 – 41 credits/ student.
- Grade 12 graduation - June 9 is rehearsal and June 10 is the grad day.
- Year-end band concert is May 25. The band had a trip to Red Deer and achieved an Excellent Plus rating for their performance.
- May 26 is an all- nighter at the Stollery Children’s Hospital.
- June 21 – last day of classes.
- Exam schedule is posted on the school web site.

6. **Next meeting** – September 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm

Submitted by Tracy Simons