# Salisbury Composite High School

# School Council Meet Minutes

May 6, 2021

Attendance

Chair, Jacquie Surgenor

COSC Rep, Jennifer Fraser

Principal, Sunny Sandhu

Trustee, Annette Hubick

Student Rep, Kayla Surgenor

Parents, Brenda Oliveros, Dulcie Jarvin

Welcome/Introductions

Jacquie Surgenor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Agenda was accepted as written.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as presented.

1. Student Rep Report by Kayla Surgenor
   * In regard to being online, more notice would have been nice and prefers being in school. Misses interaction with other students.
   * Students in grade 12 are worried about grad and grad activities.
     1. Annette Hubick: Gold medals should go out to the students for getting through this year.
     2. Good teamwork at Sal for getting to this point in the year.
     3. Sunny Sandhu: Grade 12’s show great leadership, kudos to them all.
     4. Annette Hubick: Hopes the resilience skills helps you in the future.
     5. Brenda Oliveros: I see this as well, my kids are teaching me.
     6. Jenn Fraser: My kids are quite political. We hope this brings more resilience, and empathy for our kids.
     7. Jacquie Surgenor: We are also a very political family.
2. Sherwood Heights by Jacquie Surgenor
   * There is a new website for Sherwood Heights. [www.replacesherwoodheights.ca](http://www.replacesherwoodheights.ca). If anyone has stories they want to share, please post on there.
   * We want a new building, the staff are amazing, we just need a new shell.
   * MLA’s are listed on the website as well
   * Mr. Mali is the upcoming principal for the next school year.
3. Budget and Programming by Sunny Sandhu
   * Quick turnaround on budget. Funded 1125, 1225 in PowerSchool.
   * Not surplussing any permanent certificated staff or classified staff.
   * Will be advertising 2.5 FTE for certificated staff.
   * Replenishing loss in classified staff from last year.
   * About 35 of the 1225 are R12 students – they are funded differently.
   * Strong staff at Sal – gearing up for next year.
   * Budget will be ok.
   * Registration was done differently as we could not go into the school. Kudos to the junior highs for all of their work.
   * Timetabling will be done in June, so teachers will know what they are teaching.
     1. Jenn Fraser: Can you tell us about Next Step moving into Sal?
     2. Sunny: Yest, Next Step is coming, will not affect our numbers.
   * Will be in the old Continuing Education Office, our Conference Room.
   * Will offer High School programming
   * Will increase our capacity, and all kinds of students attend Next Step and they are from all different circumstances. This is also happening in Vegreville.
     1. Jacquie: Kayla was a blended student and it was fantastic for her.
     2. Kayla: Beneficial for Sal students, will be easier to be a blended student.
     3. Sunny: Yes having Next Step at Sal will be beneficial for our students, will have to work on how it will be for Ardrossan and Bev Facey.
   * Bell Schedule: First Wednesday of month is early dismissal. When Sunny was at Fort High, he introduced a weekly early dismissal for students.
   * At Sal, we would decrease the lunch hour, ours is too long, and would shift to 47 minutes, this way we can increase the blocks during the week and have 1 day as early dismissal, we do not lose any instructional minutes.
   * How this benefits staff is they will have time to collaborate with colleagues, have meetings, athletic practices within the school day and not after hours. Students would be able to meet with teachers, rewrite exams, belong to clubs.
     1. Brenda: How does affect busing?
     2. Sunny: I will be talking to transportation about this, but it would be approximately 90 minutes.
4. Staff Recognition by Jacquie Surgenor:
   * We are still working on this.
5. Quarter 4 Transition to online: Sunny Sandhu:
   * 17 students came back from being online.
   * This does not match with other schools.
   * Last week, we were recognized that Sherwood Park was a hot spot.
   * Vast majority of our kids choose to be in person learning.
   * Very proud of our kids and staff, and their parents.
     1. Jacquie: That is phenomenal. It shows that students are upset to go online, that means staff are doing a good job.
     2. Sunny: We learn so much from the kids and looking forward to better future ahead.
6. AGM: Dulcie Jarvin:
   * Was an experience, and it took forever.
   * Guest speaker was good
   * Minister spoke for 30 minutes and only took 1 question; Minister spoke about new curriculum, how schools are safe, and how much money was put into education.
     1. Jacquie: parent engagement would be a good topic for next year.
7. COSC Report by Jenn Fraser
   * Meeting was on May 5
   * Ardrossan Jr/Sr hosting a session about Saffron on May 10, 2021
   * Superintendent, Mr. Ligouri talking about the budget
   * 37 cases in Elk Island, 15 schools on watch, 5 outbreak schools
   * Budget was interesting, there is a decline in enrolment across the division. 4.7 million dollars less from AB Government. Funds used for covid mitigation, fundraising numbers were lower, board has jumped into using reserves. Reduction of budget of 2.4% which is not horrific.
   * Quarter system is way better to go next year. Lakeland – 1 case = 200 people to go home, do to the structuring of the classes. Semester is better for students.
   * Why is EIPS not piloting the new curriculum?
     1. Playing a political line. Not saying it is a bad curriculum, but also do your research.
     2. Mr. Ligouri does not want to add one more thing to the teachers plates this year. He wants students and staff to a normal year.
     3. Mr. Ligouri also want your voice to be heard through an educated sample. “Read, find positives, not just the negatives.”
8. Principals Report by Sunny Sandhu:
   * Keeping an eye on our kids. Attendance checks, calls going out. Technology support for our students and for other schools.
   * Everything this year, has been about milestones – thanksgiving, Christmas, spring break, etc.
   * Guidance department has been a real success with our 3.0 guidance team.
   * Next year we will have a Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) that we will be sharing with Sherwood Heights.
     1. We will be talking to our feeder schools about which families are in crisis and are struggling.
     2. We have to be intentional about the students that are coming in.
     3. An FSL worker can expediate the paperwork to help these students that we can not do. They will know the kids from grades 7 to 12 and will be able to allocate resources for them.
     4. Thank you to our trustees for recognizing that students need support.
9. Trustees Report by Annette Hubbick:
10. Jacquie adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
11. Next meeting will be held at the end of May.