

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
September 21, 2015**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Colleen F. Butler	Nadine Duiker
Cheryl Galbraith	Apryl Gladue	Barb McNeill
Charles & Lucia Price	Tracy Simons	Anita Tougas
Ken Wlos	Rayline Ziegler	

Meeting called to order 7:20 pm.

1. Welcome– Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler welcomed the parents to the School Council Meeting and thanked those individuals volunteering for the executive positions for this year:

Chairperson Rayline Ziegler
 Vice Chairperson Nadine Duiker
 Secretary Tracy Simons
 COSC Rep Apryl Gladue

An attendance list was circulated, Mrs. Ziegler asked for consent to distribute meeting information and minutes to those providing email contact information.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Rayline Ziegler

The minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting were previously circulated.

Motion: To approve the January 26, 2015 school council minutes.

Moved by Colleen Butler and seconded by Rayline Ziegler.

Approved.

Mrs Ziegler provided an overview of the general discussions at the May 25, 2015 meeting. There was no quorum for the May meeting.

3. School Council meeting dates – Rayline Ziegler

The following dates were selected for the School Council meetings:

- October 19, 2015
- November 16, 2015
- January 18, 2016
- February 22, 2016
- April 18, 2016
- May 16, 2016

All meetings would be held at the school starting at 7 pm.

Motion: To approve the meeting dates for the 2015/2016 school year.

Moved by Rayline Ziegler and seconded by Nadine Duiker.

Approved.

4. Expand Council - Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler canvassed for ideas for expanding the Council.

Ideas included:

- Invite student leadership
 - Suggest student representatives from various areas such as fine arts, step, IB attend future School Council meetings.
 - Allow the Parent Council to hear the voice from the different student groups and allow them to provide feedback on what those groups need from the Parent Council.

Action: Mrs. Allen to extend an invitation to the various groups.

- Post minutes under the parent tab on the school web site.
 - Mr. Wlos informed the Council that he could arrange for minutes to be posted.

5. Yearly Objectives – Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler canvassed for ideas for the yearly objectives for the School Council.

Ideas included:

- Develop operating procedures for the School Council. The operating procedures would be high level procedures to provide information for parents on how the Council operates. Mrs. Duiker volunteered to prepare a first draft of the operating procedures for the committee to review and provide feedback.

Action: Mrs. Duiker to prepare an initial draft of operating procedures for the School Council and bring them back to the next meeting.

- Research the current legal status of the School Council through Corporate Registries. Mrs. Allen informed the Council there are currently two fundraising groups within Salisbury: the band parent association and the Red & Black Booster Club.

Action: Mrs. Allen to follow-up with Corporate Registries to research the status of the Salisbury School Council.

- Host an information session(s) about planning for post-secondary education. Some additional topics could include:
 - Scholarships / Finances for parents (possibly for January time period)
 - How to obtain a student loan
 - Understanding graduation options /What diplomas are available
- School Education Plan
 - Mrs. Allen advised the School Education Plan will be posted on the school web site. This topic could be discussed at the November School Council meeting.
- Hear presentations from the school research officers in Sherwood Park. Possible topics include:

- Digital Citizenship
- Drug Culture
- Harassment

Discussion will continue at the next meeting. We were all requested to bring back further ideas and any resource materials for the October meeting where we will select the topics and plan which meeting dates the topics will be assigned.

6. School Trustee Report - Barb McNeill

Board highlights:

- Sept 17 – Board meeting
- Enrollment in Elk Island Public Schools as of Sept 11 is 16,829 students
- On Sept 15, the EIPS Chair and trustees attended a Teacher Bargaining Model Consultation meeting hosted by Alberta Education. The current contract with Alberta teachers expires in August 2016.
- Sept 23 – COSC Mix & Mingle. (COSC = Committee of School Councils)
- Oct 7 – First meeting of COSC.
- Student Transportation currently has 8,700 kids; SAL and Ft. Saskatchewan are transfer stations.
- New schools & modernizations:
 - Fultonvale revitalization to be completed within the next year.
 - Ardrossen new school - projected increase in size from 650 to 700 students.
 - Ft. Saskatchewan new school - currently pouring foundation.
- Priorities for the board include the 2015 – 2018 Education Plan approved. The Plan outlines three key priorities for EIPS: to promote the growth and success of all students; to enhance high quality learning and working environments; and to enhance public education through engagement, partnership, and communication.

7. Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- 1025 students registered at SAL this year:
 - Grade 10 343 students
 - Grade 11 298 students
 - Grade 12 384 students
- The enrollment is down from two years ago and up from last year.
- The first day of school was offered in a new format this year.
 - Grade 10 students invited for breakfast and then broken into teams to meet teachers and receive their survival kit.
 - Grade 10 – 12 students received instructions on the flex block followed by a BBQ lunch.
- Students were provided with an ID card that includes emergency phone numbers on the back.
- Administration includes:
 - Cathy Allen - Principal
 - Barclay Spady - Assistant Principal (grade 10)
 - Dan Verhoeff - Assistant Principal (grade 11)
 - Ken Wlos - Assistant Principal (grade 12)
 - 62 certified teachers

- 24-25 classified teachers
- Contract athletic trainer
- Leadership kids meet Wed mornings to plan activities throughout the year.
- Athletic programs are underway including
 - Volleyball
 - Cross country running
 - Golf
 - Football
 - Cheer team
 - Swimming
- Auditions for productions for drama/theatre will be soon.
- IB program – a group is presenting a science project at Rundle Park
- SAL held a volleyball tournament with 40 teams attending. This was one of the largest in Alberta.
- Music equipment was recently purchased and will be stored in the library where kids will have the opportunity to write, record and produce music.
- Broadcasting classes will start next semester.
- The school will video stream awards nights, band concerts.
- New options offered: Risky Business, similar to Shark Tank. The class is full.
- 1st weekend in October will be a grade 8 & 9 tournament at the school.
- Evacuation drills will be planned.
- Grade 11 & 12 (last year's grade 10 & 11) award ceremony will be held the afternoon of Oct. 8th.
- Battle of the Chefs planned for Oct. 15.
- Mr. Wlos informed the parents of the SAL APP. The app is available for Apple or Android phones.

8. Other New Business

- A question was raised if the library hours could be extended to match the office hours.
 - Currently the library closes at 3:30 pm.
 - This is a budget issue for the school.
- A question was asked when the exam schedule will be available.
 - The schedule will mirror the diploma schedule and will be ready mid-October for January exams.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.
Submitted by Tracy Simons