

Salisbury School Council DRAFT
Minutes
January 18, 2016

Attendees:

Nadine Duiker	Apryl Gladue	Jessica Hermary
Nadine Hermary	Barb McNeill	Tracy Simons
Shafir Walji	Ken Wlos	

Meeting called to order 7.07 pm.

1. Approval of agenda – Nadine Duiker

Agenda approved as distributed.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting were previously posted on the school web site.

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

Moved by Tracy Simons and seconded by Nadine Duiker.

Approved.

The draft minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting were previously circulated.

Motion: To approve the November 16, 2015 school council minutes.

Moved by Nadine Duiker and seconded by Shafir Walji.

Approved.

3. Old Business – Nadine Duiker

a) Parent Information Evening Results – Tracy Simons

The Salisbury School Council arranged for two parent information sessions:

- Student funding options – Dec. 3
- Post-secondary planning options & resources – Jan 14

Both events were well attended by parents and a number of students.

The student funding options session was held in the library. Approximately 60 – 70 were in attendance. A student from Learning Clicks presented on scholarships and bursaries available to students.

The following web sites provide useful information:

alis.alberta.ca/scholarships

yconic.com

studentaid.alberta.ca

applyalberta.ca

The post-secondary planning options session was held in the school theatre. Approximately 70 were in attendance. A student from Learning Clicks presented on resources available:

- To help students know themselves - looking at a self-assessment to understand possible careers that may be of interest to them.
- Occupational information – description of jobs, wage & salary information, education required
- Different post-secondary institutions available in Alberta
- Trades and apprenticeships available

The following web sites provide useful information:

alis.alberta.ca/scholarships

uat.learningclicks.alberta.ca

tradesecrets.alberta.ca

Both information sessions were well received by those in attendance. It is recommended that the School Council offer this information to parents again next year at the same time of year.

b) Esports Games– Ken Wlos

The Esports team was established at the school. There were try-outs and a code of conduct developed.

The school hosted a tournament on Dec. 11, 2015. Approximately 120 esports athletes participated from Bev Facey, Ardrossan, Vegreville and Salisbury. Another event will be held in the spring, the location is to be determined.

c) Electronic Waste Results – Ken Wlos

The Electronic Waste round-up was a competition offered by a local company with a \$3000 prize offered to the top school.

Salisbury community collected 3 metric tonnes during the round-up. The round up finished on January 15, 2016. The school is waiting for the results of the competition. If the school wins the prize, the money will be earmarked towards two water bottle fountains for the school.

d) Diploma Results Review – deferred to next meeting

4. Reports

a) **COSC Report** – Apryl Gladue

- Mental health teen and pre-teen workshops were held;
- Nominations for *Excellence in Teaching* awards are being accepted. Deadline for families to submit applications is Feb. 19th;
- Alberta School Council Assoc conference Apr 22 – 24. In the past, the Board sponsored one representative from each school council to attend. Currently waiting for Board motion for this year.

- Engagement survey template presented; deferred discussion to next meeting.

b) School Trustee Report - Barb McNeill

- School calendars for 2016, 2017 and 2018 are available. For future calendars, the Board may seek staff and parent input.
- New school planned for Sherwood Park in Davison Creek (K – 6). Hoping the new school will be open Sept 2018.
- The Board is hosting a student forum on Feb. 22 for students in grades 7 – 12.
- The Board is discussing Policy 19, *Safe & Caring Learning Environment*.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Ken Wlos

- Exam week runs Jan 18 – 28
- New school web site coming for the school.
- Starting Jan 19 there will be changes coming to the internet access at the school. The new “super user net” is targeted to be five times faster than the current internet access. The current band width is at maximum capacity.
- The next phase in technology changes will be the Wi-Fi access at the school.
- Jan 28 & 29 – Junior High invitational basketball tournament
- Feb 1 - Second semester starts
- Feb 4 & 5 - Teachers’ convention
- Feb 9 - Grade 10 honors program presentation
- Feb 12 – School closure day
- Feb 13 – Cheerleader zones competition. 26 junior high schools and 14 senior high schools will be competing.
- Feb 18 – 20 – Saber junior varsity basketball high school tournament
- A question was raised about grade 12 graduation ceremony. Mr. Wlos provided an overview of the grad events.

5. New Business

- a) School to host a Saffron Centre Presentation – deferred to next meeting.

Next meeting February 22, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.
Submitted by Tracy Simons