

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
November 21, 2016**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Colleen Butler	Laura Comfort
Rod Frank	Barb McNeill	Pam Schotte Houle
Tracy Simons	Sharon Wharton	Ken Wlos
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

The draft minutes from the October 24, 2016 meeting were previously posted on the school web site. Minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a) School Calendar of Events

- Mental Illness in Youth & Young Adults presentation by Canadian Health Association confirmed for January 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
- Mental Health presentation on 'Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety' will be planned for April 2017. Specific date to be determined.
- A video on Screenagers will be planned for March 2017. Specific date to be determined.
- Possible topics for the future: Blanket exercise – history through the eyes of First Nations perspective. All social studies students will participate in a Blanket Exercise this year. This could possibly be an event for May 2017.

b) SAL Council table at Nov. 23 interviews.

- An updated Calendar of Events will be available on the table for parents to pick up.
- A banner will be displayed above the table.
- Rayline volunteered to sit at the booth for part of the night between her scheduled meetings with teachers.

c) Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) presentation feedback

- Information night was held on Nov 2, 2016.
- Invitation when out to the district.
- Approximately 140 -150 in attendance.
- The presenters included a former SAL student who was in the RAP program.
- There are 52 trades recognized in Alberta.
- Positive feedback was received from parents, including a request to hold the presentation again in the spring.
- After some discussion, the Council decided to hold the event in the fall 2017.

4. New Business

- a) EIPS/ COSC Parent Engagement Info Evening and Feedback – Rayline Ziegler
 - Ms. Ziegler attended the information evening.
 - The Alberta government was seeking parent feedback on curriculum redesign. There was a survey open to parents that closed on November 18th.
 - Approximately 80 people attended the information night.

- b) Nov. 28 – Scholarships, Grants & Loan presentation
 - Learning Clicks to present.
 - Parents and students are invited.
 - 7 pm in the cafeteria.

- c) Jan 12 – Mental Illness in Youth & Young Adults
 - Event is confirmed.
 - Thanks for Nadine Duiker for the research and origination.

5. Reports

- a) **COSC Report** – Laura Comfort

Mrs. Comfort provided an overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on November 2, 2016. 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>

- b) **School Trustee Report** - Barb McNeill
 - **National Bullying Awareness Week** Nov. 21 – 25.
National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is an annual event marked around the world to boost awareness among students, staff, parents, and community members about bullying and ways to reduce and prevent incidents of it in their schools.
 - **Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)** hosts its annual Fall General Meeting Nov 21 & 22 which hosts representatives from all Boards throughout the province (Public, Separate and Francophone) along with association representatives and members from Alberta Education.
 - Next **EIPS board meeting** scheduled for Nov. 24.
 - **Individual School Annual Results Reviews** are scheduled for Nov 25, 28 & 29.
The meetings includes school administration, representative EIPS senior administration – Trustees – School Council representatives and parents. SAL is scheduled for Nov. 29th.
 - **2017/2018 Modular requests**
EIPS administration has submitted a request for 13 modular units to Alberta Education for the 2017-2018 school year – two additional units at Mills Haven Elementary, three replacement units at Ministik School and eight replacement units at Wes Hosford Elementary.
 - **2016-2017 Enrolment**
The current enrolment for the 2016-2017 school year as of September 30th, 2016 is 17,150 students – an increase of 284 students (1.7 per cent) from the year previous.
 - **Davidson Creek Boundary Survey** - survey closes on Nov. 23. The school will open in 2018.
 - **New school in Ft. Saskatchewan** – parent group is already fundraising for a playground.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- Bully Awareness week Nov. 21 – 25; activities planned during the week include:
 - All students will watch a video “To This Day”.
 - Teachers who were bullied are making a presentation to kids.
 - Pink shirt day on Friday.
- Parent/ Teacher interviews Nov. 23
- Children’s’ Fairy Tale theatre – Nov. 24
- Castle Rock key sales (old diploma exams) – Nov. 24
- Operations Shoe Box – shoe boxes this year going to the Ukraine.
- Food Bank donations – student are asked to bring in donations challenging block 1 vs block 2.
- Willy Wonka musical theatre production – Nov. 29 – Dec. 1
- It’s a Wonderful Life theatre production – Dec 13 – 15
- Christmas music concert – Dec 14
- Trustee Dinner – Dec 14
- Sports:
 - Basketball senior boys tournament – Dec 1 – 3
 - Swim team has their last meet this week and then Divisionals start
 - Co-ed indoor soccer will be starting. This is the first year for Salisbury. We are the only school outside of Edmonton to participate.
- Exam schedule will be out this week.
 - Jan. 16 – English Part A
 - Jan. 17 – Social Part A
- Last day of classes – Jan 20.

6. **Next meeting** – January 16, 2017 @ 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm
Submitted by Tracy Simons