

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
October 24, 2016**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Laura Comfort	Nadine Duiker
Barb McNeill	Vanda Sadilek	Tracy Simons
Sharon Wharton	Thomas Wharton	Ken Wlos
Rayline Ziegler		

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of agenda – Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler welcomed the parents to the School Council Meeting.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting were previously posted on the school web site. Minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a) New email address for School Council – Rayline Zeigler

SalisburySchoolCouncil@gmail.com

b) Mental Health awareness – possible topic for April 2017 – Nadine Duiker

Ms. Duiker reported she is currently tracking down options for mental health awareness. Anxiety will be the main topic for discussion. The time frame for the presentation is to be determined.

4. New Business

a) School Council table at Oct. 13 Parent/teacher interview – debrief

- Handout for calendar of events was well received.
- Parent feedback included
 - they were sorry they missed the drug presentation
 - they were more interested in the parent sessions
- The school prepared a laminated poster for the School Council.

Next parent/teacher interview date is Nov. 23. From 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The School Council will set up a similar table. Volunteers, based on availability for the evening include:

- Vanda
- Rayline

b) Vaping & drug presentation – Oct. 4 debrief

- Constable Jason Helgason (RCMP) presented to Salisbury parents. He is the school resource officer.
- Positive feedback received from parents.
- Oct. 4 was also a football night so some parents missed the event.

- Feedback received to hold the presentation again this year. Constable Helgason is willing to come back for another presentation.
 - Ideas for the next presentation:
 - More focused power point presentation
 - Include drug names, street names, picture of the drug
 - Include the effects of the drug on kids
 - Continue including vaping
 - Possible dates: February 22, 2017 (1st choice); February 15, 2017 (2nd choice)
- c) Trades career, apprenticeship & RAP information night
- Salisbury will be hosting an all EIPS parent event.
 - New date is November 2, 2016.
- d) Calendar of events – remaining events dates confirmed:
- Nov. 28 Scholarships / Student loans / Grants
 - Jan. 30 Understanding the options, graduation, levels of education & how to get there
 - Mar. 21 Safe Boundaries & Behavior

Another possible topic is screen time & kids getting addicted.

- Mrs. Allen is bringing in the presentation for the staff for the March 3rd PD day. The cost of the presentation includes two viewings.
- If the presentation is also provided at another date for parents then the evening would need to include a segment to help families with implementation of the material presented.

Action: Mrs. Allen to follow-up if there is a time restriction between the two viewings.

e) Hold & Secure

A question was raised about the Hold & Secure email that was distributed to parents.

Hold & Secure – business as usual in the school; kids continue with their classes.

Lock down – lights are turned off; doors are locked; staff & students are to keep quiet.

Shelter in place - staff and students leave the school and gather in The Agora in the Community Centre.

f) Water fountains at the school

A question was raised if the water fountains are being used at the school. There are three water fountains that have been shut down since the summer.

5. Reports

a) **COSC Report** – Laura Comfort

Mrs. Comfort provided an overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on October 5, 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

- World Teachers' Day was Oct. 5th.
- Provincial Achievement tests/ diploma exam results have been released from Alberta Education.
- Advocacy initiative for the EIPS Board include:
 - (1) Carbon tax
 - (2) Student transportation funding formula
 - (3) Allocation of Special Needs Student funding
- Alberta Education wants parent input on curriculum redesign. Parent sessions are scheduled for early November. For more information and to register, visit www.erc.ca/programs/focus.php?theme=66.
- Education Minister David Eggen visited Salisbury School on Oct. 21.
- Upcoming events:
 - Nov. 3 – Board self-evaluation
 - Nov. 7 & 8 – Central Services Departments, Annual Results Reviews
 - Nov. 25, 28, 29 – Individual Schools Annual Results Reviews

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- Oct. 21 – Minister Eggen visited Salisbury to announce the Bridge-to-Teacher Certification program. The program allows trades people to use credits from their journey-certificates towards a bachelor of education.
- Athletics:
 - Football coming to an end
 - Volleyball coming to an end
 - Cheer started in October
 - Basketball starting in November
- Linking Generations students were matched with seniors this week.
- Oct. 27 – 29 – Junior Tri-Volley Tournament at Salisbury.
- Nov 1 - Your Future It's a Matter of Choice – post secondary & career fair. Event hosted by EIPS. 6 – 8 pm at the Holiday Inn Sherwood Park.
- Homework buddies will be assigned with Pine Street students in early November.
- Nov. 9 – Awards night for last year's Grade 12 students.
- Band Association will be pre-selling the vegetables for their fundraiser this fall.

- Mrs. Allen reviewed the Salisbury School Education Plan and Results Report 2015 – 2018. Highlights included the school goals, quick facts, results of the Parent Pillar Survey, and performance measures.
 - 1035 students at Salisbury this year; 59 certified staff; 28 classified staff.
 - 47 parents responded to the Parent Pillar survey.A copy of the report will be posted to the school web site.

6. **Next meeting** – November 21, 2016 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm
Submitted by Tracy Simons