

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
April 16, 2018 DRAFT**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Gabriel Chemello	Annette Hubick, EIPS
Tracy Simons	Tom Wharton	

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm by Tom Wharton.

1. Approval of agenda & Introductions – Tom Wharton

The agenda was accepted.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the February 26, 2018 meeting were previously circulated. The minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a) School Council table at Open House debrief – March 8

- More interaction with parents at the open house compared to the parent-teacher interviews.
- Recommend having a table at the open house next year.

b) Cyberworld – Saffron presentation debrief – April 11

- Ten people attended.
- SCA Elementary also had a Cyberworld event on the same night.
- Another school had an open house on the same night.
- Next year – maybe hold the event earlier in the year; perhaps the fall.

c) Blanket exercise

- Not going to schedule an event this year.
- Next year – maybe before Spring Break.
- Consider renaming the event. “Blanket exercise” is not understood.

4. New Business

a) Elections for the 2018/2019 year

- Typically elections are held on the 1st meeting in the year.
- The operating procedures for the School Council were reviewed, the Annual General Meeting must be held in within 30 days following the first instructional day of school.
- Methods of advertising:
 - Synervoice – email and voicemail
 - Post of the school website.
- Telling people Why to attend? Be informed. Have a voice.
- Food is a draw. The commercial foods teacher can provide the snacks.

The parents were polled who was interested in staying on Council next year?

Tom Wharton

Gabriel Chemello

5. Reports

a) COSC Report – Gabriel Chemello

Mr. Chemello provided an overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on April 4, 2018. 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>

Highlights include:

- ASCA 2018 conference and AGM – April 20 to 22. No volunteer from Salisbury.
- Impact of social media and technology on mental health and anxiety in children and teens.
- Personal device policy for schools.

Salisbury does have a personal device policy.

b) School Trustee Report - Annette Hubick

See attached report.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- April 17 – Drama 10 The Snow White Variety Show
- April 19 – Parent/teacher interviews
- April 30 – May 3 – Drama 20 – Radium Girls
- May 8 – Final grad list is posted
- May 14, 15, 16 – Drama – Joseph & the Technicolor Dream Coat will be presented at Festival Place
- May 14 – 16 – Distracted Driver activities planned at the school.

Sports update:

- Badminton - underway.
- Handball – the team is in the quarter finals.
- Soccer and rugby – hopefully the weather will cooperate and the teams can get a few games in.
- Track – scheduled to start in May.

- The school division will be conducting a 10 year facility plan.
- Salisbury is taking on the project of painting the interior doors red. There are 271 doors that need painting. The project will be completed by September.
- Some teachers in math 30 have been invited to provide input into diploma exams.
- Registration for next year is going well.
 - Grade 9 – finished registering.
 - Grade 10, 11 – returning students
- New this year was a two week period for registration. Some questions were confusing for parents. The school received some phone calls.
- The Salisbury administration has called some families. Approximately 80 families did not have registrations complete. Targeting for 1100 students next year.

6. Next meeting

May 14	7:00 pm
September 17	7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Submitted by Tracy Simons

Trustee Report – Salisbury School Council
April 16, 2018

Thank you, Volunteers

April 15-21, 2018, marks “National Volunteer Week.” On behalf of the board, I thank the many volunteers who give of their time and energy to help schools deliver great educational experiences for students. Schools are an exceptional example of the “It takes a village” concept and we want you to know how much we appreciate your contributions.

EIPS Parent Survey

Thank you to those who completed the EIPS parent survey. The responses are being analyzed and will be presented to the board at its May education committee meeting.

of responses:

- 3130 EIPS parent survey (2017 = 2678)
- 293 French Immersion parent survey

Board meetings

At the **April 5th** Education Committee meeting, I brought forward the concern shared with me at the last Westboro SC meeting regarding the need to educate parents about school emergency procedures—at the very least to remind them of the parent resource available on the EIPS website at the beginning of each school year. Administration was receptive to this suggestion. The board also discussed our governance budget and talked about areas we could consider cutting and the fact that our Alberta School Board Association fees may be going up by as much as 7%, i.e., to approximately \$83,000/yr).

The **April 19, 2018** public board meeting is more “housekeeping” in nature, primarily dealing with recommended policy changes:

- Policy 7, clarifying the process for public participation in public board meetings.
- Policy 16, clarifying who is responsible for advertising and recruitment
- Policy 19, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments: per recent Government legislation, adding language that expressly protects sexual minorities, the rights of students to establish GSAs and the privacy of students’ sexual identity.

The **April 19th** Ed Committee is entirely devoted to a 2018-19 budget working session.

On **April 26th**, the board will be presented with the division’s overall budget assumptions and allocations, including any proposed use of reserves. The board will be going through the budget line by line at the **May 30th** public meeting and approving the final budget on **June 21, 2018**.

Provincial Budget

- The provincial budget was announced on March 23rd, which was later than historical practice, yet school boards are expected to provide their budgets one month sooner than last year. Central office staff and the board have ramped up our budget work in order to meet the deadlines. We will be approving schools allocation at the April 26th public board meeting.
- Growth is being funded but the per-student funding remains the same, and school boards will have to absorb the costs of inflation and staff grid movement. That said, we are pleased that the per-student grant was not reduced.
- School Improvement Funds (SIF) were not included in the budget, which will have an impact on every school.
- Because the Local Authority Pension Plan (for classified staff) introduced a clawback of \$179,000 in employer contributions, the province reduced its allocation to EIPS by that amount. It should be noted that past contribution increases were never funded.
- Unfortunately, no EIPS projects were included on the province's recently announced list of 20 capital projects. However, the modernizations of Sherwood Heights and Rudolf Hennig Junior Highs, our top two priorities, made it onto the government's unfunded priority list. This means that we have met the criteria and are on the government's radar. Interesting note: the \$742 million of capital projects the province announced includes \$100 million being spent by school boards.

EIPS Board in the Community

- On Thursday, April 14th the board toured the following schools: Andrew (K-12), Lamont Elementary and Junior Senior High, and the Elk Island Youth Ranch.
- On April 24th, I'll be taking in Scratch Day and later that evening, the board will be meeting with Vegreville Town Council.
- I'm looking forward to serving as a judge at the EIPS speech competition on April 26th and attending the Wee Reads luncheon on May 2nd.
- On May 23rd, the board is hosting a meeting with the three MLA's whose ridings exist within EIPS boundaries. We will be presenting information to them on our top advocacy issues.

FREE Parent Information Sessions

1. April 18, 2018 6:00-7:30 – Pine Street Elementary (Sherwood Park) "Keeping Scattered Kids on Track: Supporting Children and Adolescents with ADHD"
(K-12) *Adults only*
2. Friday, April 27, 2018, 7 – 9pm—Agora Centre, "Power of Relationships" presented by Strathcona County and EICS.