

Salisbury Composite High School Parent Council Google Meet Minutes

October 1, 2020

Attendance

Principal, Sunny Sandhu
Assistant Principal, Brandon Salyzyn
Assistant Principal, Krista Porter
Trustee, Annette Hubick
2019-2020 Chair, Gabriel Chemello
2019-2020 Vice Chair, Jacquie Surgenor
Jennifer Fraser, Sandra St. Jean, Heather Kupchenko, Tasha Baker, Steve Saar, Andrea Moniz, Tasha Baker, Kristie Moore, Brenda Oliveros, Amber Saar, Darlene Groten, Misty Bjerky, **Silver Skate Festival**

I. Welcome/Introductions

Gabriel Chemello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Agenda

Agenda was accepted as presented

III. Nominations for Executive Council

Chair: Jacquie Surgenor
Vice Chair: Gabriel Chemello
Committee of School Council Rep: Jennifer Fraser

IV. Reports

4.1 Principal Report by Sunny Sandhu

- Registration went very well, we released the timetables earlier.
- We were funded for 1123 students. We have 80 more students than our weighted average moving average in the spring, 50 more than last year. This triggered, along with the federal grant an increase in funding. This funding enables us to hire 2.0 FTE teachers which will let us split some classes. One of our new hires is to welcome back Joe Tomkins.

- Counselling time has been increased as mental health is a priority. We have some unknowns as well.
- Last spring, our Classified Staff took a big hit and we will now be able to hire two more E.A.'s.
- Sal is at 94% of students in class.
- This year, we are using Sabre Scene to communicate with our parents and instead of having assemblies we did a Welcome Back Video that students watched in classes. Salisbury Students are doing well with masking, if they do not have a mask, they are very quick to come into the office to get one.
- We are thrilled to have staff and students back in our school our engagement needs to be there, with being in class for 172 minutes, so teachers are being intentional with breaks so students may take off their masks.
- Staff meeting next Wednesday to talk about reflection and how staff are feeling with the quarter system.
- Please keep in mind that the re-entry document is fluid and changing. Latest version is always on the EIPS website.
- Re-Entry:
 - Cafeteria has been open for two weeks, with reasonable prices. Only purchase with debit/credit now but there is discussion about having cash accepted as all students do not have a debit card.
 - Student Leadership is running
 - Terry Fox Run is going but is happening differently this year – classes will be going separately and not the whole school at one time.
 - Orange Shirt Day was well received in the Salisbury Community
 - Illnesses, stay home if ill but know your baseline, all information is live with AHS and the EIPS Re-Entry document
 - We did have a tragic loss of one of our students. The outpouring of support from the Sal community has been tremendous so I just wanted to thank everyone.

- There was also had an incident at Sal and communication went home regarding that. The teacher in charge handled everything very well, and RCMP were called. No students were harmed.
- We have increased our parent engagement at Sal, Sabre Scene has been very well received with one the weeks hitting 5400 hits.

Athletics:

- Regarding athletics: We are governed by EIPS. Some in Edmonton are practicing, but they also have some positive COVID cases. For example, for our junior and senior football teams, that is about 90 football players, and volleyball has around 90 players as well. This doesn't include the other teams that should be going as well such as swim. Our coaches and students want to get going. Central Office and I have received many calls regarding athletics. In quarter one all sports were cancelled. We wanted to have a good month and see what happens. Tomorrow on the agenda for the executive meeting, athletics will be discussed. We are advocating for sports, and we have let the team know the conversations that have happened.
- Lots of kids are struggling, not just in sports but also in Musical Theatre, clubs such as Debate.
- Concerns were raised from parents about sports not running, as well as, about change rooms being unavailable

4.2 Trustee Report from Annette Hubick

July 16 Board Meeting

To be ready for the September 1 Re-Entry, the board approved the use of reserves to hire more cleaning staff and purchase:

- PPE
- Sanitizer
- New Learning Management System called Brightspace, which replaces Google Classroom
- Curriculum materials from Edmonton Public for our K-9 at home learners

EIPS Re-Entry Enrolment

- In-school: 88% (closer to 95% at High School level)
- Out-of-school: 12%

EIPS School Re-Entry Plan & FAQ

- Whether it's due to changing government directives, plan refinements or wording clarification, both the EIPS Re-Entry Plan and FAQ documents are “living documents” and constantly being updated.
- An example is the daily Screening Questionnaire. Thankfully, the government made changes and it is much clearer.

It's important to keep checking the website for the most recent version so that you have accurate information. Whenever changes are made, Communications notes the page and sections changed.

Federal \$ for Safe School Re-Entry

- Amounts to \$6.1 million for EIPS. Boards are permitted to spend these funds in four areas:
 - online learning and online teaching training
 - student transportation
 - increased cleaning and safety costs
 - increased teaching and substitute costs
- There are reporting requirements from boards to the province and from the province to the federal government.
- On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, the Board held a Special Public Meeting to make a decision on the allocation of these funds. EIPS determined that the needs of schools exceed this amount. As such, the Board made the decision to allocate an additional funds toward its COVID-19 response —using its unallocated reserves and budget efficiencies such as lower than estimated insurance costs. EIPS will focus the additional resources in a variety of areas:
 - *In-school learning* – A \$2.96-million allocation to flow directly to schools to address three key areas of concern—classroom configuration, learning gaps and mental-health supports. Because specific needs vary from school to school, principals are in the best position to determine how to use the funds effectively. *NOTE: While some of the dollars allocated to schools may be used to adjust the number of students in overextended classrooms, overall class sizes will not see a significant decrease.*
 - *Out-of-school learning* – A \$1.7-million allocation to out-of-school learning to hire extra teaching staff and tech support.
 - *Student and staff safety* – A \$1.9 million allocation for personal protective equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer, and additional school bus cleaning and janitorial services.

- *Medical leave & Substitute Costs* – \$4.1 million. The Division will be constantly monitoring staff medical leaves to see if further funds are needed or can be reallocated to address other needs.
- *Student Transportation* – \$245,000 for extra daily cleaning and disinfecting of EIPS buses.
- *Staff overtime*—\$67,000 to respond to urgent cleaning requirements upon a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Board of Trustee Priorities 2020-2021

- Monitoring the Division’s pandemic response.
- A resolution to the need for a replacement school for Sherwood Heights.
- Value of Public Education. In response to the current political climate, we will be focusing our advocacy efforts on the role that public education has in creating a strong educational system.
- Budget – not only in terms of monitoring this year’s budget and the impact of the pandemic but also looking ahead to 2021-2022 budget where it’s anticipated we will incur another \$3 million decrease. (When the Government introduced its new funding model, it allocated “bridge funds” to help divisions adapt to the new model, advising that next year, it would be cut by 50% and then phased out completely.)

Sherwood Park Value Management Study

As part of its 3-year capital plan, the board is undertaking a value management study focused on a cluster of schools in Sherwood Park: SAL, Cloverbar, Ecole Campbelltown, Pine Street and Sherwood Heights. We participated in two full-day sessions, funded by a government grant and led by an architecture firm. EIPS trustees, senior administration, principals, parents and the municipality discussed and developed solutions to address the situations in these schools, considering factors like school condition, enrolment trends and projections, programming needs, etc. A report will be presented to the board in October.

Stay connected

As always, I invite you follow my Facebook page (@HubickEIPStrustee) for information and to reach out if you have any questions, concerns and suggestions (Annette.Hubick@eips.ca).

4.3 COSC Report: Jacquie Surgenor

- First COSC meeting is next Wednesday, October 7

4.4 ASCA Update: Jacquie Surgenor

Brandi Rai is the President of the Alberta School Councils Association and met regularly with the Minister of Education and Dr. Hinshaw about school reentry. Parents

were very well represented. EIPS has two representatives currently serving on the ASCA Board of Directors: Krista Scott & Jacquie Surgenor. Jacquie has been also serving as the ASCA representative on the Student Transportation Task Force. There are tons of resources for parents and school councils on the ASCA website (www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca)

V. New Business

5.1 2019 – 2020 School Council Report: Jacquie Surgenor

Last year some of our items we spoke about:

- School Education Plan
- Grade 9 – 10 transition
- Caregiver Series
- Scholarships
- Awards
- COVID
- Grad
- School Fees

5.2 School Council Calendar of Events

- Look into possibility to set up Google Meets for Guest Speakers?
- Post-secondary are doing virtual meets. We can start thinking about doing this too. It does have important value for our stake holders. We are also doing, ‘Resources for Success’ in Sabre Scene every week. I will be intentional in Sabre Scene, and we can include virtual meetings.
- Caregiver Series is still going on. Please go to the EIPS website for the information.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

Meet Monthly – skip December. Last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If we end up switching to meeting at the school again, we can address the time then.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.