

Salisbury Composite High School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 28 6:00pm. School Library

*Indicates written report/attachment provided

ATTENDEES: Kim Scott (Chair), Tracey Nielsen (Secretary), Leanne Schultz (Acting Principal), Jackie Uhrig (Finance Manager) and 3 other parents

1. Call to order@6:03pm
2. Welcome and Introductions- Kim Scott, Chair
 - Welcome New Secretary for Council: Tracey Nielsen
3. Approval of Agenda - Kim Scott
 - Addition to Agenda: Fees Review and Approval
 - All in favour, passed
4. Leadership Sharing - Students
 - Reviewed activities done for February (Valentine's Appreciation Week)
 - Issues (collected from SAIL students):
 - Lines at lunch are too long for cafeteria, would like separate lines for just drinks
 - Only 1 water bottle refill station on the 2nd floor
 - Not enough seating for students at lunch, they are sitting on the floor
 - Asking for a second gender neutral bathroom
 - Mechanics workshop has cracked concrete, so is a hindrance to moving things around
 - Working on getting a box for input from all students
5. COSC Sharing - Kim Scott
 - Kim gave an overview of what COSC is (Committee of School Chairs) and what the meetings are about
 - Reviewed last month's meeting topics (will attach COSC Minutes)
 - ASCA update - the AGM and Conference was discussed
 - Caregiver Series reminder
 - Registration has closed
 - ASCA Grant Fund Usage: SAL will be putting the \$500 towards a parent rep to go to the ASCA conference
 - Tracey Nielsen (Chair at Clover Bar Jr High) mentioned that they will be using their grant for a speaker to present to parents on underage drinking and vaping amongst youth (\$300 + mileage for a 60 - 90 min session)

6. Principal's Report: Liane Schultz

Reviewed registration numbers. Very high return rate, and an estimated 1500 students for fall.

- March 4 will begin working with returning 11s and 12s to pick their options
- March 11 - 18 will tour Jr Highs, followed by bringing them in to tour the school
- March 19 - will work one on one with new parents who want assistance choosing options
- Parking discussed (Dance Days
- Parent/Teacher Interviews will be happening in March: In person and Virtual
- Basketball - playoffs for Sr Girls, but the others are out
- Handball, Badminton and Rugby are starting soon
- PD Day teacher learning activities discussed
- Grad List will be published March 4th (to be on the list, must be passing and on track to graduate). Grad photos finishing up March 1st

7. Presentation of Fees: Jackie Uhrig

Fees have been set, and must be submitted to EIPS by March 21st.

District has allowed another 5% increase, with a few exceptions like Foods at 7%. A few with higher than 7%:

- Physics 20 & 30 is increasing higher due to increase in field trip costs
- Cosmetology 20 & 30 is also increasing due the cost per student being much higher than the fees charged previously
- Personal Fitness 10/20/30 is higher due to field trip fees
- Name changes: Commercial Foods becomes Culinary Arts and Personal Foods changes to just Foods
- Many sports fees are going up due in large part to tournament costs

8. Trustee Report*: Trina Boymook (read by Kim Scott in Trina's absence)

- Boards and Senior Administration were invited to a meeting with the Education Minister on the recent Premier announcement on future legislation on pronouns and transgender youth. The minister intends to engage Boards in conversations to inform legislation and policy development. The Board is currently developing a letter to the minister to express our concerns on the safety of students, share our lived experience, the importance of engaging school boards for the interest of student safety and our interest to participate in future discussion.
- The Board has introduced a "Did You Know?" series to highlight those things we think parents might want to know. This month's message was "Section 58.1 of the current Education Act, already requires school boards to notify parents and caregivers when courses, programs of study, instructional materials, and instruction or exercises contain subject matter that deals primarily with human sexuality. Included in this notice is always an opportunity for parents and caregivers to opt out of instruction without academic penalty to the student. It's a practice that has been in place since 2014 and one that EIPS has consistently followed." There seems to be a misconception in the community that this sensitive topic is being covered without parents' knowledge. If you ever want to learn more about what is covered and the materials used please speak to your classroom teacher or principal
- Budget is being tabled Feb 29. The Board has a number of budget working sessions lined up to build the 2024-25 budget. I will provide more details at the next meeting. Happy to answer any questions Thursday if there are any".

9. Adjournment: 7:38pm

10. Next Meeting: Wed, April 24th 6pm