

Salisbury Composite High School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 24 6:00pm. School Library

*Indicates written report/attachment provided

ATTENDEES: 3 Salisbury for Humanity Students, Kim Scott (Chair), Tracey Nielsen (Secretary), Leanne Schultz (Acting Principal), Michelle Wyman (Acting Assistant Principal), Trina Boymook (School Trustee) and 3 other parents

1. Call to order@6:03pm
2. Welcome and Introductions- Kim Scott, Chair
3. Approval of Agenda - Kim Scott
 - No Addition to Agenda
4. Salisbury for Humanity Sharing - Students
 - New Group at SAL, whose mandate is to fundraise for humanitarian efforts abroad
 - Reviewed reasons for forming the club and its objectives
 - First Fundraiser was for the Red Cross Middle East Humanitarian Defense Fund
 - \$650+ raised
 - Pilot project to see how to best organize and what results could be obtained
 - Was a simple request for donations
 - Volunteer Leadership Opportunities:
 - lead information tables
 - participate in project leadership
 - attend meetings
 - school community ambassadors
 - gain media and marketing experience
 - practice activism
 - Plans for further efforts to raise funds for humanitarian aid:
 - Wake-a-thon May 10th (Friday to Saturday 24 hrs)
 - Have met with SAIL to collaborate, but this is a separate group from them
 - Approximately 20 members currently with many Gr 12s, so want to recruit younger students in Gr10 & Gr11
 - Mandate is fluid, could potentially support local events and different charities each year

5. Principal's Report: Liane Schultz

- Meeting about in-house Scholarship Awards (approx. 17 Gr12 students applied)
 - Have put forward 3 names each for 2 different awards
- Earth Week - week long activities
 - One specifically was No Disposables for food, was very successful
- Grad Assembly meetings (Grad is June 1 at Expo Center, Prom here at the school)
 - Lots of volunteers, a big job
 - 2 assemblies coming up with Gr12s, to go through everything & an opportunity for the one big class picture
 - Filming the Staff Grad Videos (secret of course!)
 - Will be asking for baby pictures from Gr12 parent and caregivers
 - Gowns go out about 2 weeks prior to Grad - these are souvenirs to keep
- Drama has been busy!
 - Drama 10 & One Act Play Night at SAL
 - One Act Play Festival at Ardrossan
 - Drama 20/30 show
 - Musical Theatre has Mean Girls at Festival Place in May
- Moose Hide Walk on May 14
 - Students show support to end violence against women & girls and to raise awareness for the MMIWG
 - Walk will be around the school area and will be a somber event
- Grade 9 Open House and Jr High Tours
 - Great for multiple opportunities to see the options, especially the ones that are harder to showcase at the Open House
 - April 29 is for Non EIPS Gr9s
 - Enrollment is about 1500, with about 478 Gr10s coming in
- Budget Envelope has just been received at EIPS, with SAL receiving it May 2nd
 - Will be a quick turnaround to get it done and back to EIPS
- Parking
 - Education to students has gone well, to understand where to park or park & walk
- Athletics is in full gear
 - Handball is almost over
 - Rugby is going
 - Golf is starting
 - Soccer tryouts
 - Slow pitch
 - Track and field
 - Football

6. Trustee Report*: Trina Boymook (submitted electronically and attached)

- March 21 Board meeting
 - The Board approved a 3-year capital plan. Number 1 and 2 are requests for replacement schools in Fort Saskatchewan. Number 3 is a new school for Cambrian Crossing.
 - The Board reallocated surplus dollars that have become available of \$1.1M:
 - Windows Computer Evergreening - \$694,058
 - Chromebook Evergreening - \$325,000
 - Next Step Entrance at Salisbury Composite High - \$80,000

- Senior Administration closed the loop on the engagement held in 2022 and will not be proposing any changes to the junior high boundaries for Brentwood and Summerwood.
 - The Board approved the appointment of the Returning Office as we prepare for the October 2025 Trustee election.
- Budget was tabled February 29; we didn't receive the funding manual until March 29. This is late and will impact our budget schedule. We will not be able to approve allocations to schools until May 2 this year. After Finance confirming numbers and interpretations, we are seeing an increase to address student enrolment and covering the Teacher's collective agreement. There has been no increase to offset the cost of inflation. There is also no increase to the complexity grant. We are anticipating a tight budget for next year. The Board has had a number of budget meetings and has another planned for tomorrow. We are certainly keeping budget survey results and assurance reviews at top of mind as we work through the budget. At the Board's April 18 Board meeting it approved the key budget assumptions. The key priority areas are
 - Classroom Complexity Curriculum and resource development to support teachers
 - Year 3 of the Mental Health Strategic Plan
 - Continued pursuit of Collegiate School /Program and support for Career Pathways
 - Equity for rural schools, equity for all
 - Retention of Staff
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) considerations
- The Board approved the student transportation fees at the upcoming school year at its April 18 Board meeting, parents will see large decreases in fees for those eligible families (K- 6 residing over 1km Grades 7-12 Over 2km from registered school) who are attending school and program of choice. Dropping from \$175 to \$75. Ineligible riders fee will be \$150 for next year. Overall people will see sizable decreases in fees for the upcoming year due to the new funding model introduced by the province last year. Deadline for paying fees is June 30, 2024. Those that don't pay by the deadline will need to pay a \$25 late fee.
- The transition plan consultation for senior high French Immersion and Lakeland Junior High attendance area will begin next month. May 1 a survey will be sent out to affected parents, students and staff with further engagements planned for the fall. The Board tentatively will be making a decision at its November Board meeting.
- The Board had a two-day retreat on April 8 and 9. The retreat focused on the budget and setting priorities for the Board's 2024-25 workplan.

7. COSC Sharing - Kim Scott

- ASCA Resolutions were discussed and recommendations for voting were given to Kim

8. Adjournment: 7:38pm

9. Next Meeting: Wed, May 29th 6pm