

Salisbury Composite High School

Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024, 6:00pm - School Library *Indicates written report provided

ATTENDEES: Curtis Starko (Principal), Liane Schults (Assistant Principal – Gr10), Adriana Footz (Sal Counselor), Kim Scott (Chair), Tracey Nielsen (Secretary – exited early) and 1 other caregiver **REGRETS:** Trina Boymook (School Trustee), April Childs (Vice Chair)

1. Call to order@6:05pm
2. Welcome and Introductions: Kim Scott
3. Approvals
 - Agenda – Approved
 - October Minutes - Approved
4. COSC Sharing and Parent Engagement Grant Money: Kim Scott
5. **COSC REPORT*** (prepared by Emma Small, EIPS & shared with Kim Scott)

Below is a brief overview of what took place at the COSC meeting on Nov 6, 2024.

KEY AGENDA TOPICS

- Board Report
- ASCA update
- Caregiver Series: November and December
- School Council Engagement Grant
- COSC Sharing: Mentorship opportunities
- EIPS Assurance Review: What it is and how to read your school's result

BOARD REPORT

Board Chair Cathy Allen shared the Board report. She discussed many topics, including:

- EIPS School Transition Planning Survey
- EIPS Division Calendar Survey—a decision about the calendar will be made at the Board Meeting on December 19.
- Possible approaches to a new funding model—the Board sent a letter to Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis, asking him to consider funding in relation to inflation and based on classroom complexity. There will be a presentation on the weighted moving average at the January COSC Meeting.
- Upcoming trustee election in October 2025
- Proposed legislation surrounding an *Education Amendment Act* and a *Fairness and Safety in Sport Act*

ASCA UPDATE

The [Alberta School Councils' Association](#) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

- ASCA has a [calendar](#) for their Scheduled Learning Opportunities (SLOs).
- SLOs and any of the [individual learning opportunities](#) or private [support and consultations](#) can be paid for using the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Reminder that EIPS school councils receive a 25 per cent discount for these learning opportunities.
- The ASCA Board of Directors is hosting a free [Virtual Engagement Event](#) for school councils—and education partners and stakeholders—on the afternoon of **Saturday, November 23**. Keynote Speaker Tammy Schamuhn from the Institute of Child Psychology will talk about *Emotion Regulation & Children: Understanding Their Brain is Your Superpower*. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: November and December

Recovery Alberta is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who

want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. [Learn more](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Alberta Education is providing school councils with a \$500 [School Council Engagement Grant](#). Thank you to all school councils for filling out the contact form for the grant. Councils can now apply with their grant activities. An application form has been sent to the email address your school council provided in the contact form. The application asks for general school council information and how school councils plan to use the grant. School councils are encouraged to complete the application form by December 31. After you apply, your council must wait for approval from the COSC Chair before going ahead with grant activities. You'll receive an email when you have approval. For more information about the grant process and FAQs, see the [EIPS website](#).

Jennifer Daly and Marlene Crippin—co-chairs for Bev Facey Community High's school council—have put forward an opportunity to pool funds. If your school council is interested, send an email to tdaly01@telus.net ASAP. An option for pooling funds has been added to the grant application; however, councils should know which school councils are pooling funds before completing the form.

COSC SHARING: Mentorship opportunities

COSC members shared ideas surrounding how best to provide mentorship to one another. Of the suggestions made, three methods were agreed upon:

1. A [COSC Mentorship Contact List](#)—this is a shared Google Sheets file, so feel free to add your name and contact information. Otherwise, councils can visit this list and connect with other school councils for advice.
2. A dedicated time to bring forward questions and best practices during COSC Sharing—this allows school councils to gather knowledge from many school council perspectives at the COSC Meeting.
3. [COSC Facebook page](#)—school council members can join the page to ask questions and engage other school councils outside of COSC.

EIPS Assurance Review: What it is and how to read your school's result

EIPS Director of Specialized Supports Marcus Reed discussed the Division's Assurance Reviews. Every school principal invites their school council to have one representative at the school's Assurance Review. School council members are encouraged to review their school's education plan—available on the school website as one of the home page blocks. Councils can also view their school's results by contacting their principal. Reed explained quantitative versus qualitative data, trend mapping and questions councils can ask school administration about their goals and results. The [presentation slides](#) are available on the EIPS website.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 5-11:** [Veterans' Week](#)
- **November 10-16:** [Métis Week](#)
- **November 11-15:** November break (schools closed)
- **November 11:** Remembrance Day (Central Services closed)
- **November 13:** [World Kindness Day](#)
- **November 18-22:** [Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week](#)
- **November 20:** [National Child Day](#)
- **November 20:** [Vegreville and Mundare Indigenous Family and Community Evening](#)
- **November 25-29:** [ASEBP Education Worker Recognition Week](#)
- **December 4:** Early Dismissal
- **December 23 to January 3:** Christmas break (schools closed)
- **December 25 to January 1:** EIPS Central Services Christmas closure days
- **January 8:** Early Dismissal

Additional information from the Nov. 6, 2024 meeting is available at eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on Jan. 8, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a wonderful Christmas break if I don't hear from you before then!

6. **TRUSTEE REPORT***: Trina Boymook (read by Kim Scott in her absence)

The Board reviewed the 4027 respondents to the School Calendar Survey at our October 31 Caucus meeting. The Superintendent is using survey responses to inform her recommendation, along with research, to develop her recommendation to the Board who will debate at our December meeting.

The Leveraging student achievement funds will be used to address literacy and numeracy interventions at selected junior high schools. A portion of the funds will also be used for targeted supports for elementary French Immersion.

At the end of October, the Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education to provide feedback on the Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding model. The way the WMA model works, funding does not align with the needs of current students in schools where growth either remains level or has grown significantly. The Minister did share with a meeting with Board Chairs and Superintendent, that changes to the funding model would be released with the upcoming budget announcement.

7. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT***: Curtis Starko

Staffing

- Erin Clark
- Carmen Horne
- Ann Boake
- Erin Tomkow

Athletics

- Metro hosts
- Provincials
- Basketball starting

Awards

- During day

Graduation

- Grad meeting
- First grad list
- Grad requirements
- Valedictorian

Parent /Teacher interviews:

- Will go earlier next year
 - Lots of unforeseen conflicts

Assurance Review

- Diploma exams improvement

Remembrance Day video

- Cross-discipline collaboration

Culinary field trip request: new fee request

- \$55 optional
- Tour of NAIT culinary arts program, create lunch

Fine Arts

- Wizard of Oz, 7pm, Mon-Thur (Nov. 25-28)
- Miracle on 34th street December 9-12th
- Holiday Band Concert: December 11th 7pm.

Post-secondary mini-fair

- Emergency Services on November 27th 2pm

SAL for Humanity project

- Raising money for UNICEF

8. **VAPING PRESENTATION**: Liane Schults and Adriana Footz

9. Adjournment: 7:32pm

10. Next Meeting: January 16, 2025