# Salisbury Composite High School

# School Council Meet Minutes

March 18, 2021

Attendance

Chair, Jacquie Surgenor

COSC Rep, Jennifer Fraser

Principal, Sunny Sandhu

Trustee, Annette Hubick

Teacher Rep, Jenna Willman

Parents, Becky Galbraith, Brenda Oliveros, Dulcie Jarvin

Welcome/Introductions

Jacquie Surgenor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Agenda was accepted as with addition of:

New Business: Student Rep removed and added in Teacher Rep, Jenna Willman (FMNI)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as presented.

New Business

1. Teacher Rep (FMNI), Jenna Willman
   * Jenna is the Teacher Lead for First Nation Metis Inuit at Salisbury. Every school has a representative. This is funded separately.
   * We track students at our school, every year it gets better.
   * We are greenlighting our outdoor learning space that we have been planning for the last few years. It is finally happening.
     1. We will have rocks to form a circle, we learned lots from Elder Wilson and this is what decided to do to honour him.
     2. Two spots we were thinking of is a patch of grass by the bus loop by the trees. The other spot was closer to the road but might be too noisy for meaningful instruction.
   * Sunny:
     1. Very lucky to have Jenna here. We do have students self-identifying, and our numbers are going up. This shows that Sal is a safe place.
     2. Jenna does a wonderful job here; she is being too modest. Look at Orange Shirt Day and how that has grown.
   * Jenna:
     1. Thank you Sunny. I see in the comments that LLR has a FMNI lead teacher, and they love it too.
   * Jacquie Surgenor:
     1. It is nice that the Outdoor Classroom is accessible, and it would be nice to see even our parents using it for meetings.
   * Jenna:
     1. That is a great idea, would love to see that.
   * Annette Hubick:
     1. Will the county be helping with funding as they did at Lakeland Ridge?
   * Sunny:
     1. We have discretionary school dollars, not funded by the county.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Will be exciting to see when it’s done.
2. Fees by Sunny Sandhu
   * We must review fees twice a year, this is our second review.
   * Operating on cost recovery. Vast majority of fees will remain the same. The following will have some increase:
     1. Foods – 7%
     2. Commercial Foods – double amount
     3. Grad Fee – 5% increase
   * Foods increase is due to the high cost of food.
   * If a student can not make the cost work, we will figure it out.
   * Extra-Curricular costs will remain the same depending on AHS regulations.
   * Robotics will be $60.00, same cost as in Fort High but they do have sponsorship with Dow Chemical.
     1. We do have sponsorships here as well with Cal Tire
   * Esports has been approved, cost will be $100.00 which includes competitions, technology. We had a meeting and we had 50 students who were interested.
   * We are on par with other schools.
   * We always take care of kids, that is how it is at Sal and through EIPS.
   * Jacqui:
     1. What is esports?
   * Sunny:
     1. Esports is very competitive gaming.
   * Annette:
     1. This is played around the world; it is very big money involved.
3. Programming by Sunny Sandhu
   * 1983-1984 population of Sal was 1800 students.
   * Right now, we have 75% utilization, and we have 1200 students here.
     1. Next Step is coming to Salisbury. Really good programming there for kids. Opened in September 9, 2011. Historically, a lot of at-risk students, but Next Step brought those students up, and graduated them. Perception of Next Step is that it is for bad kids, but that is not the case. Many athletes attend Next Step because of the flexible programming.
     2. Next Step will bring our utilization rate up. They will use a couple of our classrooms.
     3. 2007 they moved to the location they are in now.
     4. The same thing is happening in Vegreville.
     5. A couple of teachers will have a new space, will not affect Sal negatively. Work will happen in July, not major work, a few walls and doors.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Will Next Step be maintained as a separate school, with their own admin and staff?
   * Sunny:
     1. We are not sure yet what the model is. Will be where Continuing Education used to be, our conference room and the technical theatre room.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Last year, my daughter Kayla was in a blended program and it worked great, this year it didn’t work as good.
   * Sunny:
     1. Hopefully, in April or May we will have the answers.
4. Staff Recognition by Jacquie Surgenor
   * 15 responses so far. Sent out the emails to the teachers. One response almost made me cry. It was about a student having problems and has made a connection with Mrs. Ackerman in the library.
   * Would like to continue to do this.
5. Technology Discussion by Jacquie Surgenor
   * This information first came up at COSC, and then also in Annette’s report last month. What technology would this cover?
   * Sunny:
     1. There is a misconceptions on BYOD, at Sal we have 8 hardwire labs, which are predominantly used by English and Social. We also have Chrome Carts.
     2. Since 2013-2014 we have been upgrading our technology. At Salisbury we do have enough technology.
     3. If teachers need to access for summative and formative assignments, we have enough space for the students to access.
     4. We have lots of labs for the classes to use.
     5. BYOD would be detrimental to have students always on a screen. We are lucky at Sal; we have enough technology to provide for our students. This is not the case at all schools such as Fort High.
     6. We are successful here as we are always adding to our technology. Issue comes when you don’t have BYOD policy.
     7. We also have assistive technology for students to access in our HUB.
   * Jacquie:
     1. I have thoughts around this. If you are using technology in the classroom, I would expect the schools or Alberta Education to provide.
   * Sunny:
     1. Yes, you are right. Who is responsible and makes this decision? We have two schools with this policy, but this wouldn’t happen with Sal.
   * Jennifer Fraser:
     1. At COSC, the discussion was diverse across the division. There are schools like the Huderite Colony who doesn’t use technology. Always will be one school which is a “have school” and schools with a “have not”.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Some schools fundraise for these things.
   * Dulcie Jarvin:
     1. The Fundraising Society at Lakeland Ridge just bought 100 Chrome books for our school.
   * Sunny:
     1. Our budget is at 94% but 6% allows us to do some things.
     2. What is the use of technology and the benefit of learning?
   * Jacquie:
     1. I agree with that, if they are all the time on the screen, are they paying attention to instruction?
6. Sherwood Heights by Jacquie Surgenor
   * Sherwood Heights is an old school with significant challenges.
     1. Great staff and custodial who do a great job looking after the building.
     2. Can’t find parts for the boiler. Was a flood there on the weekend.
     3. Value scoping with Sherwood Heights, Sal, Clover Bar – all on Capital Fund.
     4. If there is a problem, where would the students go?
     5. Like the location, best result to combine Campbell Town/Sherwood Heights to a K - 9 school.
     6. We had a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club but now they are building their own space.
     7. We are talking about this with other School Councils and there is a meeting with Trina Boymook on Friday.
     8. SCA passed a vote to support Sherwood Heights and write letters.
   * Annette:
     1. I just came from Brentwood meeting and we had the same discussion.
     2. In the Sherwood Park News the Francophone School is getting a new school. This new school will be built in the Ridge. Read that both MLA’s were quoted that they were working closely over the last 18 months and that they were would get this new school. Where was the support for Sherwood Heights?
   * Jacquie:
     1. More information to come on how to communicate with the public on this.
   * Annette:
     1. We need to figure out our wants. We know safety will be an issue. Not always fiscally prudent to wait. We are not the only ones, we will keep going.
   * Sunny:
     1. Grassroots and community engagement. Keeps going to utilization. If Sherwood Heights is going to fail, then we need to revisit this. Grade 9 – 12 at Sal, Facey, and add grades 7 & 8 to the other schools.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Sherwood Heights is a big school and is a feeder school to Sal.
   * Sunny:
     1. We do have a plan if Heights fails.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Do we want a motion?
     2. Motion: Salisbury School Council affirms our support to Sherwood Heights.
7. ASCA Conference/AGM by Jacquie Surgenor
   * Dulcie Jarvin will go on our behalf. There are 11 advocacy motions that Dulcie will have to vote on.
   * Jacquie and Dulcie will meet together to discuss voting if there is no objections.

IV. Information Reports

1. ASCA Report by Jacquie Surgenor
   * ASCA AGM is coming up.
   * We are looking for examples and stories on how school councils help students. If anyone would like to submit one, it does not have to be long.
   * There is a worry that the government will look to other organizations for the parent voice.
2. COSC Report by Jennifer Fraser
   * Everything we just talked about, we talked about at COSC.
   * High schools in Sherwood Park not writing final exams – I brought this up as my son had to write but the other schools were not.
     1. Mark Ligouri said every student will be writing exams and this must have been a miscommunication.
   * Sports – Jennifer asked if sports were coming back. Mark Ligouri responded we need to just get through to June. Jennifer also asked if students go outside the school for sports? The response was yes, and he would support this.
   * Sunny:
     1. We did do final assessments at Sal. Did not want it to be punitive. For example, in Physics, Mr. Latte is a very strong teacher.
3. Principal’s Report by Sunny Sandhu
   * Semesters and the return of for next year.
     1. We still think there was benefits to the Quarter System and we learned a lot.
     2. Mixed emotions at Sal, some were relieved, but some enjoyed as it suited their classes.
   * Community Football is a go ahead.
     1. Who does the equipment belong to? We met with Mark Ligouri, and he gave a go ahead to use the school equipment.
     2. Shout out to Cam Fraser with his work on Community Football. Cam sent in a motion, and it passed.
     3. We met as a high school group, and we will give out the equipment so those kids can get out on the field and play.
   * After school programming is 3 ½ weeks in and we have had lots of good feedback.
   * Band concert will be planned and will be live streamed. Safety protocols are there, just like the drama productions.
   * Returning Student Registration
     1. About 1168 already for next year. Still about 80 to input.
     2. Goal to finish at 1200 +, then we will see the sections, which marries to the FTE.
     3. Section – Budget – Staffing
     4. April/May start building our timetable.
     5. Virtually, recorded sessions were offered to the students for registration.
     6. Return to near normal for next year.
   * Jennifer Fraser:
     1. Thank you to Sunny for advocating for our kids.
   * Brenda Oliveros:
     1. I would like to echo what Jenn said, thank you.
   * Jacquie:
     1. Yes, me too. I have two kids in the afterschool program.
     2. I did want to mention though a comment that Mark Ligouri made regarding Basketball at Sal. Mark said that kids can play club BB, but not all kids can play club.
4. Trustee’s Report by Annette Hubick

**Report for Salisbury Composite High School Council**

1. Adjournment: Jacquie Surgenor at 8:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 29 at 6:00 p.m.