

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
November 20, 2017**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Gabriel Chemello	Nadine Duiker
Annette Hubick, EIPS	Tracy Simons	Tom Wharton

Meeting called to order 7:03 pm by Ms Nadine Duiker.

1. Approval of agenda & Introductions – Nadine Duiker

Ms Duiker welcomed the parents and our new EIPS trustee Annette Hubick to the School Council Meeting. Roundtable introductions followed. The agenda as amended was accepted.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting were previously circulated. The minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a) Scholarships / Student Loans / Grants – debrief Oct. 18 presentation

- Laura Stolte, a student ambassador with Learning Clicks, conducted a presentation in the school theatre.
- Approximately 90 parents and students in attendance.
- Positive feedback was received from parents.
- The list of resources provided was posted on the school web site.

b) Vaping & drug presentation - November

- Scheduled for Nov. 28 at 7 pm.
- A synervice message will go out this week and the Monday prior to the event.
- An email message will also be sent out.
- The Salisbury resource office, Constable Jason Helgason (RCMP) to present.

c) School Council table at the Parent/teacher interviews Nov. 23

- Parent teacher interviews run from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.
- Volunteers for manning the School Council table:
5:00 – 6:00 pm Nadine Duiker
6:00 – 7:30 pm Tom Wharton
- Mrs. Allen to arrange for name tags for the Salisbury School Council.

d) Mental Health youth and anxiety – January

- Scheduled for Jan 22 from 7 – 8 pm from the Canadian Mental Health Association called “Mess with Stress”
- The presentation is scheduled for one hour, then the School Council meeting will scheduled from 8 – 9 pm on the same evening.

4. New Business

a) Social media - April

- Mrs. Allen is arranging a speaker from Saffron on April 11.

- The presentation is called *Cyberworld*. An Internet awareness presentation for adults to bring them up to speed on what's happening in the student's online world.

5. Reports

a) COSC Report - Gabriel Chemello

Mr. Chemello provided an overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on November 8, 2017. For further details refer to the minutes on the EIPS web site.

<http://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes>

Highlights include:

- Administrative Procedure 164 – Nutrition
- Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) had an update on Bill 24: An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances
- Parents Empowering Parents: Marijuana Facts
- EIPS Results review

b) School Trustee Report - Annette Hubick

See attached report.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- Drama:
 - Fairy Tale Theatre (Drama 10) – Nov. 22; will also go to elementary schools.
 - Madagascar (Drama 20 & 30) – Nov. 28, 29 & 30.
 - Musical Miracle on 24th Street – December
- Sports update:
 - Sr Girls volleyball metro championship
 - Jr Boys volleyball metro championship
 - Basketball season starting.
 - Swimming – last meet for the year Nov. 22
 - Wrestling – kids are able to train at Millennium Place.
- New this year, every student has double the time for all final exams. The school will track statistics on how long students write.
- Provincial bully awareness week -a committee of teachers and students are working on activities at the school. A video will be shown.
- Results Review on Nov. 28 - four high school principals, including Salisbury, will respond to questions from school trustees and the Deputy Superintendent.
- Parent/teacher interviews – Nov. 23
- There are currently student teachers on staff at the school.
- Food Bank drive underway. This is a friendly competition with Bev Facey.
- Bank concert – Dec 20
- Christmas break, last day of school Dec. 22
- Semester end
 - English 30 part A exam Jan 11
 - Social 30 part A exam Jan 12
 - Last day of classes Monday, Jan 22.

Mrs. Allen showed a short bullying movie.

6. Next meeting

Jan. 22	8:00 pm
Feb. 26	7:00 pm
Apr. 16	7:00 pm
May 14	7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm
Submitted by Tracy Simons

Board Trustee Report – November School Council Meetings

Annette Hubick

I'm excited about my new role as trustee and as your board liaison – my presence here isn't just about sharing what's happening at a division level with you; I'm here to observe and listen about what's happening at the school level and what's important to parents. I also welcome your feedback and questions – I may not have the answers on the spot but I do promise to find and report back.

It's been "trial by fire" as November is the busiest month for the board:

- Day 1 – Board meeting
- 2-Day orientation
- Results reviews with all central office departments and I was able to attend all but one (Facilities). This is a key component of ensuring accountability. I noted how passionately committed these professionals are to their work and that the Trustees asked a lot of questions. I learned of the fantastic work being done in this division, as well as the challenges we face.
- Ed Committee meeting – There is time set aside at these meetings for sharing information with our fellow trustees and senior admin team. This is when I shared the concerns of parents who had reached out to me regarding the calendar survey.
- Superintendent's Evaluation
- Financial statements orientation
- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) conference, Monday and Tuesday

Parent Input opportunities

1. Calendar Survey – Deadline is Monday, November 27th.

As of Friday, November 17, 2017, there were 5,125 responses:

Parents*: 76.22 per cent

Students: 7.39 per cent

EIPS Staff*: 21.44 per cent

* Note: totals exceed 100 per cent as a number of EIPS are also parents (284 individuals)

Comments: 1,069

The survey results are slated to be shared with the board at its December Education Committee meeting.

2. Fees– EIPS has asked COSC members to bring forward a few questions to their school councils regarding the topic of fees. I'm looking forward to getting feedback from you and other parents throughout the district.

Government News

1. The government passed Bill 24: An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances

EIPS believes in providing safe and caring environments for all students and, as it does with all laws, will comply with the new law.

2. Education Minister Eggen tabled Bill 28, which seeks to make amendments to the school act including:

- Common age of access for kindergarten – 5 by Dec 31 with implementation of September 2020 (matches EIPS's current policy).
- New eligibility criteria for transportation – further consultations is being planned to flush out what they will be. This will be developed into the Student Transportation Regulation. Criteria could include, age/grade, or special considerations regarding route safety.
- Certification requirements for principals and superintendents
- Establishing process for separate school districts
- Make minor technical updates to ensure that the legislation is up to date.
- Trustee Code of Conduct

We are pleased that he decided not move ahead with changes to “age of access” (currently 19 and there was some conjecture that it would be raised to 21.)

Upcoming:

- Next public EIPS board meeting in on Thursday, November 23rd, at which audited financials, the 2017-18 fall budget update and the division's Results Review report will be presented. Trustees will also officially be assigned to the board's various committees – I'll be co-chairing the teacher-board Consultation Committee, which meets quarterly. I'll also be representing the board on the Partners in Education Foundation.

The EIPS Partners in Education Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation focused on improving the quality of educational experiences of the students in Elk Island School jurisdiction.

- 3-Days of School Results Reviews

Stay informed and keep me informed

I invite you to follow me on Facebook (@HubickEIPStrustee) and Twitter (@annettehubick) and to reach out to me directly with your questions and concerns. You can find my contact info on the EIPS website.