

**Salisbury School Council
Minutes
January 22, 2018**

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Gabriel Chemello	Nadine Duiker
Annette Hubick, EIPS	Sherri Kaldenhoven	Pam SchottHoule
Tracy Simons	Tom Wharton	

Meeting called to order 8:07 pm by Ms Nadine Duiker.

1. Approval of agenda & Introductions – Nadine Duiker

Ms Duiker welcomed the parents. Roundtable introductions followed. The agenda as amended was accepted.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting were previously circulated. The minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a) Vaping & drug presentation debrief - November 28

- The Salisbury resource office, Constable Jason Helgason (RCMP) to presented.

b) School Council table at the Parent/teacher interviews debrief - November 23

- Volunteers were Nadine & Tom.
- Handed out approximately 100 Calendar of Events
- The lanyards identifying Salisbury School Council worked well.

c) Mess with Stress Canadian Mental Health presentation debrief – January 22

- Canadian Mental Health Association presented “Mess with Stress”
- 12 people attended.
- It was noted the event was competing with a Cyberworld EIPS presentation at St. Theresa’s school.

4. New Business

a) Trades & Careers, apprenticeship & RAP – February

- Scheduled for February 22, 2018 at Salisbury School at 7 pm in the cafeteria.
- EIPS will be promoting the event through Elk Island Communications.
- Posters will be going out to schools.
- Careers Next Generation will be presenting.

b) Blanket exercise – March

- No date confirmed at this time.
- Need a minimum of 15 people for the event.

c) Cyberworld – Saffron presentation – 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.
- Upcoming presentation dates from Saffron:

- Jan 29 – Fort Saskatchewan Christian School
- Feb 13 – Ecole Campbelltown
- April 11 – Salisbury Composite High School
- The Council discussed if Saffron could tailor their presentation to parents of high school kids for the Salisbury presentation.

Action: Mrs. Allen to contact Saffron and provide the Council’s feedback.

d) Grad 2018

- The PowerPoint from the last grad parent meeting is now available on the school web site.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 7 pm.
- The theme selected for this year is “Night of 1000 lights”.

5. Reports

a) COSC Report – Nadine Duiker

Ms Duiker provided an overview of the COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting on January 10, 2018. 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:

- ASCA 2018 conference and AGM – April 20 to 22

b) School Trustee Report - Annette Hubick

See attached report.

c) Principal Report with School Highlights - Cathy Allen

- Sports update:
 - Basketball season is on hold for the semester one exams.
- The office is getting ready for next year
 - Registration guide
 - New options are being considered
 - Film studies 10
 - Environmental studies 10
 - Entrepreneurial baking
- Four teachers will be marking diploma exams (2 English, 2 social)
- Field testing mathematics to include a written response next year.
- Culinary Challenge competition Feb 10
- Special Ed students putting on a Mardi Gras
- IB Open House Feb 13
- Teachers Convention Feb 8 & 9

6. Next meeting

Feb. 26	7:00 pm
Apr. 16	7:00 pm
May 14	7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm

Submitted by Tracy Simons

Trustee Report to School Council – January 2018—Annette Hubick

At the November board meeting:

- The board voted to approve the discontinuation of noon hour bussing because it was no longer financially viable. As a result, the board approved the motion to only offer full-day, alternating day kindergarten throughout the division so that all students would have the opportunity to attend kindergarten at the school to which they'd be designated for grade one.
- The board voted down a motion to discontinue providing free bussing to “hazard” students for whom we do not receive government transportation funding.
- The board approved a motion to discontinue providing free bussing for students taking the International Baccalaureate program;
- The Board approved the EIPS 2017-18 fall budget for the period of Sept. 1, 2017 to Aug. 31, 2018. The 2017-18 operating budget was originally approved by the Board on May 29, 2017. Annually, in the fall, the budget is updated to account for current information regarding enrolment numbers, revenue changes, staffing, expenses and planned reserve spending. In total, the Division's 2017-18 operating budget is \$207.2 million.

Ended **November** with 3 full days of **school results reviews**. They were very enlightening and there is some great work being done out there. I was struck by how much thought and effort school staff put into the education of all students and encourage everyone to read their own school's plan update.

On **December 4th** I attended a **PD session** on Mental Health and Social Media—I picked up a couple good pointers there that I'd be happy to share with you after the meeting.

At the **December Ed Committee meeting**, the board received updated designs from the **Wye replacement school** architects, which definitely reflected a lot of the public comments received at the open houses and on the surveys. The next round of public consultations is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 21st.

We also reviewed the results of the **calendar survey**, which revealed a significant majority of the 7622 respondents preferring a November break over a pre-Labour Day return to classes.

- 64% parents
- 92% teachers
- 89% students
- 71% total

We were presented with calendars that reflected each of those options. Trustees looked at them and saw that there were opportunities to incorporate some of the suggestions found in the survey comments.

On **December 12th**, I chaired my first **Teacher Board Consultation Committee** meeting. The meeting served to clarify issues, generate solutions, improve processes and offer explanations about the rationale of certain processes or administrative procedures. Many topics were discussed including the school calendar and the onerous field trip process. As the ATA representative on the committee stated, teachers in other parts of the province are envious of this unique opportunity for teachers to talk face to face with trustees and senior administrators.

On December 15, two bills—Bill 24: An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances and Bill 28: The School Amendment Act—received **Royal Assent**. None of the Acts' changes will be having a significant effect on the way EIPS operates; however, the transportation funding issue and review of the 2.4 km walk limit remain to be seen. The Minister stated that stakeholder consultation would take place in the new year and EIPS is ready to respond. Make no mistake, the total funding will not change so if funding is increased in one area, it will be decreased in another.

On December 19th, EIPS trustees met with our EICS counterparts and Strathcona County Council. Agenda items included: the Municipal Development Plan, school sites, school zones and background information about both divisions.

At the **December 20th board meeting** the board approved the proposed calendars for the 2018-19 and 2019-2020 school years. We could not approve a 2020-21 calendar because the government has not yet released the diploma exam dates, but it should be noted that in 2019, Labour Day will fall on September 7th. This will make it impossible to start after and maintain fall break and will likely mean a return on September 1st.

January 11 & 12, the board went on a **2-day retreat** in Vegreville where we discussed many issues and began work on the next division education plan. The plan will now be extended from a 3 to a 4-year plan to reflect the election cycle.

We established an Advocacy Committee to take a more strategic, proactive approach and not put everything on the board chair. I will be sitting on this committee and we will be meeting at the end of the month to establish our terms of reference.

Kindergarten registration opened at 6:00 p.m. on **January 15th** and over 500 registrations were received in the first 24 hours. This same online system is going to be used for all remaining grades with the new "**Pre-Enrollment Process**". This will replace the previous boundary exemption and data verification processes (i.e., all those papers that came home the first week of school!) and takes place March 1-15, 2018.

The **next board meeting** is on Thursday, January 25, 2018. Of note on the agenda: whether to fund the registration fee for up to ten school councils to send a representative to the Alberta School Council Association's conference (April 20-22, 2018).