

# **Salisbury Composite High School Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018 (DRAFT)**

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

Called to order 7:11 pm (Gabriel Chemello). Each person introduced themselves.

## **Present:**

*Cathy Allen - SAL, Nadine Duiker, Annette Hubick – EIPS, Jacquie Surgenor, Gabriel Chemello*

## **Nominations**

Secretary – remains vacant Nadine Duiker agreed to do for today's meeting

## **Approval of Agenda:**

No new items were added.

## **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from May, 2018 and September 17, 2018 were approved.

## **Old Business:**

### **A.) Parent Teacher Table**

Gabe shared that at Parent Teacher Interviews, they talked about school council and handed out information sheets. It was decided that next PT Interviews we would ask parents a question to engage them and collect data. Everyone agreed to think about this and to email Gabe any ideas. To be discussed further next meeting.

## **New Business**

### **A.) 2018-19 School Council goals and objectives**

There was a discussion about what topics had the biggest turn out last year. It was agreed that we would promote many of the sessions that EIPS is arranging already with Alberta Health Services through the Caregiver Series. Cathy Allen was working on some of the sessions through learning links and will follow up. There is an updated School Council Events poster up on the parent council link on the school website. Please see.

### **B.) School Council Meeting Dates**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (except when it was a holiday) was chosen with the following future dates:

November 19

January 21

February 25

April 15

May 27

## Reports:

### **A.) Trustee Report:**

Annette Hubick shared her report as follows:

### **New K-4 Curriculum**

The latest draft K-4 curriculum was announced and is available to view online at [new.learnalberta.ca](http://new.learnalberta.ca).

### **French Immersion Programming**

- Last fall, the board began the process of looking at ways to strengthen the French Immersion Program. Step one was to survey parents of FI students, which provided valuable feedback.
- Following a thorough assessment of all aspects of the program, a decision has been made to continue offering French Immersion in schools where it's currently housed.
- Note: it will likely be a 2-3 year time frame to work through all elements in strengthening French Immersion program. We are only sharing the pieces that have been determined and there will be multiple updates, such as this one, during that course of time. Some of these decisions will be made by the Board and some will be made by the Superintendent. Further engagement may be required as the Board and senior administration work through every element of this review.

### **Cannabis legalization – October 17**

As many of you have already seen, the division sent an email in anticipation of the legalization of Cannabis on October 17<sup>th</sup> to remind EIPS students and families that the same restrictions in place for tobacco and alcohol use apply to the consumption of cannabis products, meaning **cannabis in any form can't be sold, served or consumed in Division facilities, including schools or on buses.**

### **2018/19 Enrollment**

EIPS serves 17,170 students, which is 23 more than budgeted (meaning it was prudently estimated).

## EIPS board meeting

At the next public board meeting, the board will receive the unaudited financial report for the 2017-18 school year. A reminder that the board's meeting package, including these reports, are available on the EIPS website. Highlights are:

- The Division ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$3.06 million. In June, EIPS projected a \$3.23 million deficit. The resulting favorable variance of \$0.17 million equates to 0.08% of the overall budget.

| <b>Expenses by Program</b>      | <b>\$</b>             | <b>%</b>      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Instruction (excluding SGF)     | 150,751,622           | 78.3%         |
| Plant Operations & Maintenance  | 22,733,263            | 11.9%         |
| Transportation                  | 11,050,204            | 5.7%          |
| Board and System Administration | 6,804,086             | 3.5%          |
| External Services               | 1,192,666             | 0.6%          |
|                                 | <b>\$ 192,531,841</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

- This deficit decreases the Accumulated Surplus to \$20.62 million. The accumulated surplus includes:
  - investment in Board-funded tangible capital assets (\$5.35 million)
  - Capital reserves (\$1.35 million).
  - operating reserves (\$13.92 million)
    - \$3.96 million are designated for use by schools (they are allowed to carry forward a maximum of 2% of their annual budget to future years)
    - \$4.04 million Division Allocated Reserves have a balance of; these reserves will be used to fund specific expenses as identified by the Board (e.g., mechanical cooling units, Off to a Good Start program for new to EIPS teachers, costs of the new schools not covered by the Government)
    - Leaving us with \$5.92 million in unallocated reserves (2.96% of the budget) to cover emergent issues, price fluctuations and stabilize funding in the future.

## Caregiver Series

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**Caregiver Series: Parenting in the 21st Century: Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents**

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** Strathcona County Family & Community Services

**Caregiver Series: More than Just a Bad Day: Understanding Depression and Self-Injury**

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** St. Andre Bessette School (Fort Sask)

## **B.) Principal's Report:**

Cathy Allen shared the following highlights:

- We reviewed the schools new education plan goals which are:

### **Salisbury School Goals 2018-2022**

GOAL 1 - Students demonstrate accountability, compassion, integrity, and respect, and have a sense of belonging at Salisbury.

GOAL 2 - Staff use evidence-based practices to enhance student learning.

GOAL 3 - Students are equipped to make informed decisions regarding their advancement through high school and beyond.

- We had a visual review of the school budget and we were able to ask detailed questions. If you ever want to look at or ask questions you are free to call Cathy Allen.
- Many clubs and activities are well under way please watch website for highlights through the weekly Sabre Scene
- Cannabis becomes legal on Wednesday. It will follow basically the same policy as alcohol, it is not permitted on school grounds no matter what age you are. Do not come to school high. The school is looking at good neighbor strategies to implement to maintain good relations.
- November break is the 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>
- There is a new policy that all exam rewrites will be after school on Tuesday and Thursdays. These will be monitored by EA's.
- Awards ceremonies for last year are upcoming this week for grade 10 and 11, Grade 12's will be on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

## **C.) COSC Report:**

Jacque shared the following with us:

We had a very successful Mix & Mingle on October 3 with lots of returning, and new, school council chairs and principals.

Following the Mix & Mingle, we had our first meeting and chose an executive:

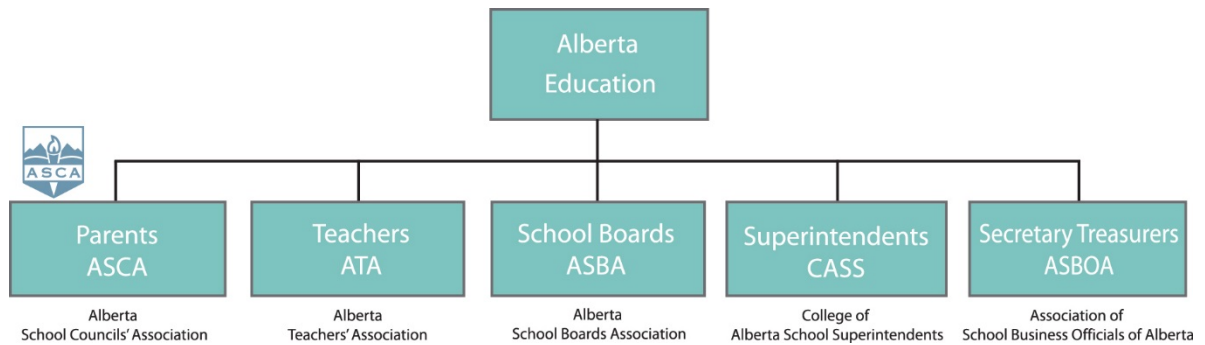
Chair – Jacque Surgenor (Westboro, Sherwood Heights, Sal Comp)

Vice Chair – Krista Scott (Fultonvale, SCA, Bev Facey)

Secretary – Lesley Bowman (Pine Street)

We had a great discussion about how to recognize staff. Most ideas revolved around food and feeding them, but also had coupons for 1 hour of volunteer time, Q&A with students about their teachers, gratitude baskets, gathering positive statements about staff and sharing them and various Pinterest type things.

Alberta School Councils Association presented an overview of ASCA. ASCA is the parent voice through school councils and is one of 5 provincial education partners providing input on education to the Minister, Alberta Education and each other. The other 4 are the Alberta Teachers Association, the Alberta School Boards Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Association of Alberta School Business Officials.



ASCA will be presenting a School Council Purpose workshop Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Central Office for anyone interested.

COSC has also partnered with Saffron Centre to create a series of parent information sheets which can be shared through school councils, principals or newsletters. They will be called Saffron Cyber Second.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

**Next meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the school...hope to see you there!**