

School Council Meeting

October 28, 2021

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair: Jacquie Surgenor

Student Representatives: Jessica Coulombe, Jessica Roberts

Vice Chair: Gabe Chemello

Parents: Dulcie Jarvin, Andrea Moniz

Principal: Sunny Sandhu

Teacher Representative: Diane Entrup

Treaty Acknowledgement: Jacquie

1. Welcome: Jacquie
 - a. Jacquie thanked everyone for attending tonight and asked if anyone would be willing to take the minutes of the meeting. No volunteers came forward, Karen Schlegl (tech support) volunteered to take the minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda: Jacquie
 - a. High School Transition was added to the agenda
 - b. Student Representative Report added to the beginning and Teacher Report after that.
 - c. Agenda approved as amended
3. Approval of Minutes: Jacquie
 - a. No minutes were received from last month, will table to approve until next meeting.
4. Student Perspective Report: Jessica Coulombe and Jessica Roberts
 - a. Mr. Sandhu introduced Jessica C. and Jessica R. and thanked them for all their hard work with SAIL this year. Aimee Storey and Lianne Lister are the lead teachers for SAIL this year and they are making difference at Sal and the students are showing leadership.
 - b. Jessica Coulombe and Jessica Roberts: The whole goal of SAIL is to make kids want to be at school. We have been doing many activities to have the kids feel included such as:
 - i. Grade 10 Orientation Day
 - ii. Welcome Week
 - iii. Tail Gate Party for the Football game
 - iv. Terry Fox Run which raised \$2800.00
 - v. The Cougar Mile at Sherwood Heights
 - vi. Sabre Spirit Days is a new initiative this year to have staff and students wear Sabre Wear or wear Sabre colours on Fridays.
 - vii. World Teacher Day we made cards for all the staff and cookies
 - viii. German Culture Day was in the cafeteria, and we helped but it was run by the German class
 - ix. Mental Health Day
 - x. Social Justice with Mrs. Willman
 - xi. Halloween Activities this week, including Halloween Kahoot, Breast Cancer Awareness Day where everyone was supposed to wear pink, and we sold candy bags, Mystery of Mr. Sandhu, and costume contest on Friday.
 - xii. Coming soon there will be more activities such as monthly Kahoots, concession/school store, movie nights, Operation Shoe Box starting November 1, and Movember is in the works.
 - c. Sunny: Real buzz in the school this year especially after last year and no activities. We want to make sure there is a real connection and that is happening.
 - d. Comment: Phenomenal work. Very well spoken. Maybe we can include a write up in Sabre Scene to parents know what is happening at Sal.

5. Teacher Update: Diane Entrup

- a. Sunny introduced Diane. Diane has received a Teaching in Excellence Award for her work here. We are very lucky to have Diane here and teaching Yoga. I believe Diane will be doing a breathing exercise with us, and we have done this at Staff Meetings, and it is very beneficial.
- b. Diane said she is the luckiest teacher in Elk Island. She has been teaching CALM throughout her career and she also teaches Yoga. Now I also have Yoga/CALM which combines those two courses. Teaching Yoga for 10 years and CALM 20 for 25 years. Diane is certified in Hatha, Restore & Renew, Yin, and as a Breath Coach.
- c. PowerPoint Presentation
 - i. Mental Health
 - ii. What are adults stressed about?
 1. Comment: I believe adults are stressed about their kids. I also stress about what is happening out of school. They play sports, but will that continue? Do I have to disappoint them? Tell them sports are shut down?
 2. Comment: Do people still have their jobs? Will things shut down again. Families want to get together.
 - iii. What are Students stressed about?
 1. Comment: Post-secondary. Do we get to stay in school?
 2. Comment: Post-secondary. Marks. The high school experience which we really didn't get last year.
 3. Comment: Extracurricular activities that I didn't get to do last year.
 - iv. What are the unhealthy ways people are dealing with stress?
 1. Comment: I have to share office space, so this is hard.
 2. Comment: Unhealthy eating. We could go on and on. Scared to go out, not going to the gym. Vacation? Travel?
 - v. Diane then continued with the PowerPoint Presentation which included breathing exercises that were done with the group. After the presentation Diane reiterated how lucky she is to teach what she does.
 1. Comment: I did like the breathing exercises, very relaxing.
 2. Comment: Thank you, Diane. We did this at a staff meeting it was very helpful.
 3. Comment: Thank you. We like to understand about what our options are, and this class is a good one. We can talk about this more with High School Transitions. Great opportunity to learn. The breathing activities would be good do with our kids when they are feeling anxious.
 4. Comment: Talking with our feeder schools, there is a lot of students with anxieties. This is a great course for students to take. Very impactful.

6. High School Transition Initiative: Jacquie

- a. We would like to go into the junior highs and have discussions with parents. Have Sunny come in – and the other Principals from Facey and SCA.
- b. We could start reaching out to the junior highs in January and February.
- c. Parents think that only elementary teachers care about their students, but junior high and senior high teachers care too. This would be a good opportunity and create a stronger link from junior high to senior high.
 - i. Comment: This would have been very helpful for me.
- d. Comment: This would reassure parents. Facey can come too as this is not a competition.
- e. Mental Health presentations are happening at Sherwood Heights. Saffron will be coming next Thursday for a virtual presentation. We can put this in Sabre Scene as anyone can attend.

7. SRO Update: Sunny

- a. Our SRO was taken away a few years ago due to budgeting (RCMP). In 2010, we did have a few SRO's since then, including Jason Hegelson. This year, we are happy to say that all EIPS junior and senior high

schools will again have a school resource office. Our new SRO is Hani Sawani, and he will be attending the November School Council Meeting.

- b. We have 1600 people in our building, which includes PS4 and Next Step. There is also lots of action around Sal with different businesses. This will be good to have an SRO again here. One problem we have noticed is a stop sign in the Festival Place parking lot, having an SRO will help with that there. As admin, we know the role that the SRO has, and we know how to protect our kids.
- c. Hani will also run some parent sessions and we will put that in Sabre Scene.
- d. We do share our SRO with Sherwood Heights.

8. Staff Recognition: Jacquie

- a. I have had 3 submissions so far, Mrs. Willman, Mr. Shrimpton, and Mr. Macdonald.
- b. Jacquie read the email that she sends to the staff who received the submission
- c. This year, I am making it easier, as I purchased a domain. It is recognizesal.ca
 - i. We will have this as a button on Sabre Scene.

9. School Education Plan

- a. Results review will be coming. No diplomas last year.
- b. School Goals:
 - i. Students demonstrate accountability, compassion, integrity, and respect, and have a sense of belonging at Salisbury.
 - 1. If you don't have that relationship with students, your results are not good but this year our Safe and Caring Results went up to 90.3%. This speaks well for our staff and community.
 - 2. Results will be up in November on our website.
 - 3. Mr. Sandhu is proud of our Salisbury Staff
 - ii. Staff use evidence-based practices to enhance student learning.
 - 1. Trickier as no diplomas
 - 2. Science is kicking it out of the park! English and Social are doing well but Math still needs work.
 - 3. When we were online, there was no vigor.
 - 4. We have MIPI which is numeracy, and STAR for literacy, so we do get results from that.
 - 5. We are still seeing some students struggling.
 - iii. Students are equipped to make informed decisions regarding their advancement through high school and beyond.
 - 1. We have the initiative this year of Career Counselling, we will have all students in grades 10, 11 and 12 meet with their counsellors. There will be follow up phone calls with parents.
 - 2. Sometimes we need that one to one with students to figure out that students are in the right course.
- c. High school transition is a big one. In November, Mr. Sandhu will start putting information from the Results Review in Sabre Scene to spark conversation.
- d. Not sure who are Trustee will be at this point. They will be at November's meeting.

10. School Council Engagement Grant: Jacquie

- a. Don't have much at this point. We will be talking about this at COSC next week. The government is giving us \$500.00 but the division is still trying to figure out how it will get rolled out.

11. School Council Engagement Task Force: Jacquie

- a. Is there anyone interested in joining this task force? There is no deadline – ongoing throughout the year.

12. Information Reports:

- a. ASCA Update: Jacquie
 - i. Not much yet. No word on our grant. Revamping on how the association works, we might have to lay off some staff due to the funding cuts.

- ii. If anyone wants to access the 'members only' for resources, please let me know and I can get it set up.
- b. Principal Report: Sunny
 - i. Awards are being worked on, and we are having a live streamed ceremony on December 12 for the current grade 11 and 12's. Graduated Students awards ceremony most likely like last year. We will make that decision soon.
 - ii. Grad Parent Meeting after November break on November 17. We are planning for a few different scenarios, and we will make a call about February which scenario we will go with. It will be meaningful for our students and parents.
 - iii. Intramurals will begin after November break. This is open for all students. Sports try outs have been very popular, and this way if a student hasn't made a team they can participate.
 - iv. Christmas Band Concert, see what we can do there.
 - v. Theatre – plays will be happening in November and December, and parents will be able to purchase tickets to come to the plays.
 - vi. We talk about deadlines as staff, first one was Thanksgiving, then November Break, then Christmas. We are happy to be back to the semester system.
 - vii. So that's what we can expect coming up to Christmas.
 - viii. Comment: Thank you for making things normal and special for everyone. Not just sports but theatre, clubs, etc.
 - ix. Comment: Yes, Debate Club is great for our son.
 - x. Mr. Sandhu: Mr. Basaraba, who won our Governor General Award in Teaching Excellence, started High School Rock and Roll, and with another teacher from Next Step. They are working with Mr. Graves on this.
 - xi. Our year is a credit to our staff, like Mr. Shrimpton with the Cross-Country Team and Aimee and Lianne, Kendall Melrose. We also have the IB Café starting.
 - xii. Comment: Plethora of activities, and very grateful for everything that staff are doing during this pandemic.
 - xiii. Comment: Feels like her son is struggling last year as there were no activities. We appreciate all the effort the staff are doing. Thank you for the initiative of the career planning with the guidance counsellors.
 - xiv. Comment: I have two nieces at Sal, they are very excited and want to be involved in everything.

13. Meeting Adjournment: 7:59 p.m. by Jacquie

- a. Next meeting last Thursday in November