

Salisbury School Council Meeting (Virtual)

Thursday, March 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair: Jacquie Surgenor

Principal: Sunny Sandhu

Trustee: Don Irwin

Teacher: Kristin Oleksyn (Career Pathways)

Student: Dana Grabinsky

Parents: Dulcie Jarvin, Annette Hubick, Andrea Moniz, Krystal Gibson, Brenda Oliveros, Craig Bailey, Yaritza Alvarez

1. Welcome and Introductions: Jacquie Surgenor
2. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Career Pathways – remove Mr. Spady and insert Kristin Oleksyn as Mr. Spady was unable to attend tonight.
 - b. Addition – Transportation Challenges
 - c. Agenda accepted as modified
3. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2022
 - a. No changes noted, minutes approved
4. New Business:
 - a. Career Pathways: Kristin Oleksyn
 - i. In 2005 Kristin started career with EIPS and has had multiple roles in the division. Career Pathways has been her favorite. Kristin then presented a PowerPoint on Off Campus Education.
 - b. Student Representative: Dana Grabinsky
 - i. Grade XI week next week, which is great as grade 10's have their week in September, and the Grade 12's have their week in June.
 - Monday – No backpack day – bring your books in anything but a backpack.
 - Tuesday – Free Fries for grade 11's. Every student will receive a coupon for free fries in the cafeteria in their block 1 class.
 - Wednesday – dress like a teacher day, post of a picture with the teacher on Instagram
 - Thursday – Sweat Suit Day
 - ii. Today is St. Patrick's Day and we had treats for students wearing green. We also hid skittles for the students to find.
 - iii. Pi Day was on Monday, and we raised money for Ukraine by students buying pies to pie their teacher. \$400.00 was raised.
 - iv. Athletics – Sr. Girls BB won gold, and have gone to provincials in Lethbridge, Jr. Girls BB won silver, and our curling team won silver at provincials.
5. Staff Recognition: Jacquie Surgenor
 - a. Still open and going like fire throughout the division. Krista Scott, the Chair of Bev Facey's School Council, and myself have been asked to present this at ASCA.
6. Sherwood Heights: Jacquie Surgenor
 - a. The new Sherwood Heights school has been approved and will be built on the same site on a different plot of land. Once built, the old school will be torn down.
7. Curriculum: Annette Hubick
 - a. Annette presented a PowerPoint on the draft K-6 curriculum – can be viewed: https://linkpr-my.sharepoint.com/:p/g/person/annette_linkpr_ca/EYhMsWSQSetLvp_3u6itwMYBoXSNMOx0hW5T0N7Oom0YQ?rttime=WhvnGqUh2kg
 - b. Please share the videos from these sites, averyconcernalbertan.ca, alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca
8. Impact of EIPS Operating Guidelines: Sunny Sandhu
 - a. On March 1 we shifted. Last two years, we went from online, in-school, this year we have been in school the whole time.

- b. When masking mandates were removed, we had about 30% of students still wearing a mask, now we are about 1/5 students wearing a mask. At first, our certificated staff were all wearing masks, but now ½ of staff are wearing masks.
- c. Spectators are now allowed in stands for athletics, and this has been great for the athletes to have an audience cheering them on. We do have some education to do with our spectators though, they need to practice good sportsmanship.
- d. Grad Meeting was held on March 3, and we did announce that we are having our full grad ceremony at the Agricom and the Prom at Salisbury. We are back to the way things were before the pandemic. The kids are excited, and we will be meeting with them in an assembly after spring break.
- e. P/S/T Interviews are still virtual and are being held on March 22 and 23. Still some people are not comfortable with a lot of people being in the building. The links to sign up have gone out to parents.
- f. On April 27 Salisbury will be welcoming back our parents. There will be refreshments offered and will be open to the community. Virtual meetings have their place but in person is good too. It will be good to have people back in the building.
- g. Sabre Scene will be a big one next week as we have a lot to talk about. We will be talking about how we are transitioning back to normal.
- h. Next meeting in person, not sure about hybrid as technology could be a problem. We are not quite there yet, and I don't want to make promises about that.
 - i. Jaquie: appreciate the Welcome Back to Parents in April, this make us feel like we are part of the community. So next meetings in April will be in person.
 - ii. Question: can the band parents meeting person?
 - Answer: Yes, the band can meet in person. We will talk about all of this in Sabre Scene. We have lots to communicate about including the spectators for games. 97% of spectators are well behaved but all it takes is 3%.
- i. School Fees: Sunny Sandhu
 - i. Fees have been increased to some of our CTS classes due to supply costs:
 - Environmental studies went from \$31.00 to \$32.50
 - Fabrication \$100.00 to \$105.00
 - Personal Foods 10 \$80.00 to \$84.00
 - Personal Foods 20 \$85.00 to \$89.00
 - Personal Foods 30 \$85.00 to \$89.00
 - Sports Medicine 20/30 \$100.00 to \$105.00
 - Construction 10 \$94.50 to \$95.00
 - Tech Theatre \$50.00 to \$55.00
 - ii. New Fees:
 - Robotics 25/35 \$100.00 – new course
 - Early Learning/Childcare – fee to be determined which is part of our Dual Credit
 - Psychology 1040 – fee to be determined
 - Foundations in Industry – fee to be determined
 - Field tips – Robotics \$100.00
 - iii. For families in financial difficulties, in prior years, the students were pulled out of higher cost courses, and worked on module-based courses. Now, we are waiving fees for these students with district approval. This doesn't increase the costs for other students.
- j. Transportation Challenges: Craig Bailey
 - i. I am one of the busing contractors, I have 5 buses that transfer at Salisbury, and I also drive one of those buses. We are having issues with parents dropping off their students in the loop and causing issues with the bus monitors. The bus monitors are holding the parents back for the buses to roll in, and the parents are being impatient. One parent almost hit a bus monitor as they drove around on the meridian. RCMP was involved. Can something be said in the Sal Newsletter for parents to please have patience and let our buses go through.
 - Sunny: You are right. A lot of kids and a lot of moving parts. The last month, there has been some issues.

- a. We will have education through Sabre Scene. I can also have stunting tickets sent to the parent. Calls to parents can be made.
 - b. Students have a right in the building, but parents do not, and we can issue no trespassing letter.
 - c. In the spring, Admin will be in the parking lots, as a lot of students will be getting their license and driving to school.
 - d. Our school is a community and that includes our bus drivers, contractors. We can't let this become pervasive like it was last month. Our SRO, Hani Sawan will be a presence in the parking lot as well. There will also be some presentations such as SADD coming in the next while. Stay tuned for more information about that.
- Comment: In the message to parents, maybe include about when buses arrive and leave, come earlier to drop off.
 - Sunny: There is multiple components to this as this is a public parking lot.
 - Comment: another solution is to pick up your student elsewhere and avoid the parking lot
 - Comment: We can look at the School Safety Patrol website to see if there is any funding we can get.

Information Reports:

1. ASCA Update: Jacquie Surgenor

- a. Krystal Gibson will be going to the conference. There are a few items (how we want to vote on the advocacy resolutions) we need to discuss.
 - i. Diploma exam weighting needs to be decided upon. The weighting will be amended to 10% forever. What is everyone's thoughts on this?
 - 1. Comment: I am torn on the 10% weighting. At university, they must write exams as well. If exams are too heavily weighted, it will affect their finals marks to get into post-secondary.
 - 2. A vote was for 10% weighting.
 - ii. Requests to the Minister of Education
 - 1. Maintenance of schools
 - 2. Operations and maintenance funding
 - 3. Needs of students ensuring equitable access to safe and healthy schools that are well maintained
 - 4. Remove utilization rates as a factor in operation and maintenance funding
 - a. Sunny: Utilization rate – 8 classes in a gym? That can't happen. This isn't always feasible. Removing utilization would be a good thing, I agree with that one.
 - iii. Return funding to ASCA.
 - 1. \$654,000 yearly, then went to \$170,000, and this year nothing. Every school council received \$500.00 grant to use for parent engagement.
 - 2. All items were approved
 - iv. Reaffirm or amend policy
- b. We will be using our \$500.00 grant for a presentation by Jody Carrington next week. Free for all to attend.

2. Principal Report: Sunny Sandhu

- a. Grade 10 and 11 students are working on their course selections for next year.
- b. Budget was released but we don't know details yet and what it means for us.
- c. Grade 9's will be coming to tour the school. This will be happening in April.
 - i. Sal is doing very well with registration, and this will be our biggest group of grade 10's in 15 years. Our numbers are looking at about 1350 for next year.
 - ii. Teachers are sharing classrooms this year, not multiple at once but if they are a phys. Ed teacher and teach math, they are sharing classroom space.

- iii. Our boundaries are feeding us right now, and our retention rate is at the highest we have ever seen. 90 coming in, and 30 requests to leave.
 - iv. High numbers do propose some issues, such as with the cafeteria – longer wait time for food.
 - 1. Comment: Sunny is good friends with principal at Bev Facey and this is helping in the community. I am good friends with the Chair of Facey's Council, and we share information about our meetings. This is a good thing that we are collaborating with Facey. Maybe there should be a boundary review to help with enrollment issues with Facey.
 - v. Sunny: we have to look at our students in the division as EIPS students, and not Sal or Facey students.
3. Trustee Report: Don Irwin
- a. Provincial budget was release on February 25, but we don't know the details on where it goes for another month. We have had lots of meetings to prepare for this.
 - b. Attendance and Absenteeism is at about average
 - c. Trustees have been touring the schools.
 - d. Student Conference for grades 7-12 will be at the Agora.
 - e. School Council Conference registration is due soon.
 - f. Great news about the Sherwood Heights School, the design is in the works.
 - i. Comment: Don, can you tell me what the theme of the student conference is?
 - ii. Don: I am sorry, I am not sure, but I can find out and let Jacquie and Sunny know.
 - iii. Comment: thank you for the board for sponsoring the ASCA conference, and as well as advocating for the Sherwood Heights school.
4. Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.
5. Next Meeting April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Salisbury