

Salisbury School Council DRAFT
Minutes
October 26, 2015

Attendees:

Cathy Allen	Nadine Duiker	Apryl Gladue
Barb McNeill	Rob and Jeanne Stanicky	Tracy Simons
Ken Wlos	Rayline Ziegler	

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm.

1. Approval of agenda – Rayline Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler welcomed the parents to the School Council Meeting.

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved by Nadine Duiker and seconded by Tracy Simons.

Approved.

2. Review of minutes from previous meetings – Tracy Simons

The draft minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting were previously posted on the school web site.

The Amendments included:

- Reflect Ms Nadine Duiker.
- Under the yearly objectives, “Hear presentations from the school resource...” rather than research.

Motion: To approve the September 21, 2015 school council minutes as amended.

Moved by Tracy Simons and seconded by Nadine Duiker.

Approved.

3. Old Business – Rayline Ziegler

a) Library hours – Mrs. Allen reported there would be no change in the library hours at this time.

b) Semester one exam schedules – the semester one exam schedule will be posted in the next few weeks.

c) Action items from prior meeting:

- a. Mrs. Allen reported she extended invitation to the various student groups to attend future School Council meetings.
- b. Mrs. Allen researched the status of the school council with Corporate Registries. The only two groups listed were the Red & Black Booster Club and the Band Parent Association. The Red & Black Booster Club has a casino license for the school. Only one group within the school can apply to AGLC for a casino.
- c. Draft operating procedures – on the agenda under New Business.

4. Reports

a) **COSC Report** – Apryl Gladue

Mrs. Gladue attended the meet & greet session from COSC. She was not able to attend the meeting on Oct. 7th.

b) **School Trustee Report** - Barb McNeill

- COSC meeting Oct. 7
 - Elections were held and the following individuals were chosen:
 - Chair – Jacquie Surgenor, Westboro Elementary
 - Vice-Chair – Sally Navis, Strathcona Christina Academy Secondary
 - Secretary – Sarah Michalchuk-Drylan, Wye Elementary
 - Discussed the format for future COSC minutes.
 - Cyber-World information session at Fultonvale Elementary on Nov. 3
 - Presentation from Parents Empowering Parents, a parent support group for families dealing with addictions.
 - Discussed traffic safety and ways to remind drivers to slow down in school zones.
 - Next COSC meeting Nov. 4th
- EIPS board report
 - Meeting with the Minister of Health included discussion about infrastructure concerns, technology, the new Education Act, and the budget.
 - Trustees from throughout the province attended an Advocacy Workshop on Sept 30th which provided ideas, discussion and procedures related to advocating for public education within the province. Iris Evans was the key note speaker.
 - Read in Week was Oct 5 – 9 and was successful.
 - Dinner meeting with MLAs held on Oct. 5th. Students from the culinary program cooked the meal.
 - EIPS board retreat Oct 8 & 9 held at Pigeon Lake. Topics included board governance and strategies relating to the three year business plan.
- EIPS information – can be found on the EIPS website
- Upcoming activities:
 - November – the trustees will be going out to the schools to review the Education Plans.
 - Friday, Nov. 20th in the morning, there will be a feeder school meeting at Salisbury.

c) **Principal Report with School Highlights** - Cathy Allen

- Oct. 30 – Youth Volunteer Fair focusing on opportunities for junior & senior high students.
- Sports:
 - Football and volleyball seasons coming to an end.
 - Swimming – currently mid-season.
 - Basketball – will be starting Nov. 1
- Oct 31/Nov 1 – university volleyball tournament
- November - the school will participate in Movember.
- Mid-semester diploma re-write will be offered.
- Award ceremony on Nov. 5th for last year's grade 12 students.
- Fall break – Nov. 9 – 12
- Bully Awareness Week – Nov. 16 – 20

- It's a Matter of Choice - Nov. 17 at the Holiday Inn from 6 – 8 pm.
- Parent teacher interviews - Nov. 19 from 5 – 7:30 pm; on-line booking will commence on Nov. 5th at 9 am.

5. New Business

a) Objectives for the year

a. Ideas for parent info evening:

- i. Types of graduation - There was some discussion and consensus that the EIPS offering for It's a Matter of Choice addressed this need.
- ii. Money available – There was interest from parents to seek further information to plan an information session.

Action: Mrs. Ziegler to follow-up with Alberta Education if a late November or January session could be arranged.

- iii. Helping your child determine what they want to do after school – There was interest from parents to plan an information session.

Action: Mrs. Ziegler to follow-up with Learning Clicks if a January session could be arranged.

- iv. Saffron Centre – the organization's mandate is to provide counselling services to persons who have suffered from sexual assault, abuse and sexual violence, as well as those person who have been affected by sexual assault. – There was interest from the parents.

Action: Mrs. Allen indicated the school will pursue inviting parents and kids for an evening.

b. Operating procedures

Ms. Duiker provided a draft School Council Operating Procedures document. She walked the parents through the document and received feedback on wording.

Action: Ms. Duiker to bring back the draft Operating Procedures to the next meeting for approval.

c. Other ideas

A suggestion was raised to hold a brainstorming session in February on how to engage parents. How to get more parents out to meetings.

b) It's a Matter of Choice

Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice is EIPS annual post-secondary and career event bringing together numerous colleges, universities, technical and private vocational schools, and career displayers. Focus is on students in grades 9 – 12.

Tuesday, November 17th

6 – 8 pm

Sherwood Park Holiday Inn Conference Centre, Main Floor

c) 2015 – 2018 School Education Plan

Mrs. Allen provided a brief overview of the three year plan.

Goal #1 – More students are empowered to make informed decisions for their transition beyond high school.

Goal #2 – More students will recognize the relationship between achievement and effort.

Goal #3 – Teachers will more consistently use evidence-based practices to improve student engagement and achievement.

Mrs. Allen will post the school education plan on the school web site.

Action: Mrs. Ziegler to add the 2015 -2018 School Education Plan on the agenda for the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:17 pm.

Submitted by Tracy Simons

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