## Salisbury Composite School Council 2023-2024 Summary

## **Executive**

Kimberly Scott – Chair/COSC Rep Tracey Nielson – Secretary Vacant Openings – Vice Chair

## **Meeting Dates**

October 29, 2023	January 31, 2024	April 24, 2024
November 29, 2024	February 28, 2024	May 29, 2024

## **School Council Activities:**

This year was unique for our parent council in that we had the opportunity to work with two great administrative leaders due to Mr. Sandhu taking parental leave part way through the year and Mrs. Schultz taking the role of Principal for the remainder of the year.

Participating in the Open House was a highlight for Council, and specifically in that we were able to connect with so many parent/guardian(s) of upcoming grade 9 students. Being able to represent the parent/guardian(s) side of council and present the many opportunities there are for our school administration to hear our concerns, stories and general conversation about our school and the community. Having the opportunity of relaying this to new and returning parents was phenomenal.

Another great opportunity for parents has been having a student body present at our council meetings. The students sharing their activities, concerns and new opportunities for students became something that we looked forward to having at each of our meetings. The students have offered parents a different perspective of what is happening in and around the school that we may not otherwise know about. We enjoyed their lively conversations and input that they have about our meeting as well.

This year, conversation has flourished through questions and discussions and one of the reasons was a smaller consistent group of participants at each meeting. The atmosphere has remained welcoming with a sense of familiarity and ease of conversation thanks to the group who attended throughout the year.

We were able to use our Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCA) Grant of \$500.00 for the ASCA Conference. The council was able to send our secretary and have one of our parents to represent/vote as well. Our council chair was also present at the conference this year representing both Sherwood Heights and Salisbury Composite. There was a strong representative of EIPS at the ASCA conference which improved the experience and increased sharing and learning opportunities and allowed networking and strengthening our EIPS community of council parents.

Although we did not continue with the previous program of staff recognition (email of well wishes etc. to a staff member) it does hold opportunity for new ideas for a different kind of approach to honour our staff at the school. No matter how this may look in future, the general feel of parent/guardian(s) at the council table this year have great respect for all members of the faculty at Salisbury Composite High School. We humbly Thank them for their continued support of our students each day.

Finally, we are grateful for the opportunity to have an EIPS Trustee present at our meetings. It holds great value to us as parents/guardian(s) to hear what is happening at a board level as well as hearing what is happening within our larger school communities and gives great opportunities to ask questions and to receive immediate feedback and discussion.

There are no financials to report, as a council we do not fundraise or hold any monies at the high school level.

Kimberly Scott – Chair

May 28, 2024

Date