

Salisbury Composite High School

Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2025, 6:00pm - School Library *Indicates written report provided

ATTENDEES: Curtis Starko (Principal), Brock Doerksen (Robotics Instructor), SAL For Humanity Students, Trina Boymook (School Trustee), Kim Scott (Chair), Tracey Nielsen (Secretary) and 3 Caregivers

REGRETS: April Childs (Vice Chair)

1. Call to order@6:01pm
2. Welcome and Introductions: Kim Scott
3. Approvals
 - Agenda – Approved
 - January Minutes – Error Identified (1 Caregiver was in attendance); Approved as Draft
4. COSC Sharing and Parent Engagement Grant Money: Kim Scott
5. **COSC REPORT*** (prepared by Emma Small, EIPS & shared with Kim Scott)

Below is a brief overview of what took place at the COSC meeting on Feb. 5, 2025.

KEY AGENDA TOPICS

- Board Report
- Trustee election
- PowerSchool data breach update
- Draft junior high curriculum update
- ASCA update
- Caregiver Series: February
- School Council Engagement Grant
- COSC Sharing: Extra ASCE Grant funds from Andrew School
- COSC Sharing: School council goals and School Education Plans
- EIPS Administrative Procedure 146: Social Media

BOARD REPORT

Board Chair Cathy Allen shared the Board report. It's budget season, and EIPS engaged staff, families, Grade 12 students and community partners with a survey in December. The EIPS Board of Trustees will discuss the budget further at their upcoming Board retreat.

[Kindergarten registration](#) for the 2025-26 school year opened on February 1. The Division is offering several [full-time kindergarten pilot programs](#)—the deadline to register for these pilots is **February 28**. [Returning student registration](#) for 2025-26 will take place from February 10-24.

Important to note, the Board will fund the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school council for the 2025 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) [Conference](#) and [Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#). Interested councils must have *one* member fill out the [Board-sponsored registration form](#) by **April 7**. EIPS administration will register school councils for the conference and AGM through ASCA after April 7. Councils will receive one meeting link to share with an unlimited number of their members.

TRUSTEE ELECTION

EIPS Trustee Trina Boymook discussed the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 20, 2025. She detailed the responsibilities of an EIPS trustee and how to file a nomination to become a trustee candidate. A person can file their nomination between Jan. 2, 2025, and noon on nomination day—Monday, Sept. 22, 2025. For more information, see the [EIPS website](#).

POWERSCHOOL DATA BREACH UPDATE

EIPS Associate Superintendent Ryan Marshall provided an update on the PowerSchool data breach. Further communication about the breach was sent to all EIPS stakeholders on February 4. PowerSchool is working with the company Experian to offer certain services to affected individuals. [Learn more](#)

DRAFT JUNIOR HIGH CURRICULUM UPDATE

EIPS Associate Superintendent Marshall stated there's no new update on the draft junior high curriculum. The Division hopes to hear an update soon from Alberta Education, and he'll keep COSC posted.

ASCA UPDATE

[ASCA](#) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

- The ASCA Conference takes place virtually on April 26. The AGM takes place virtually on April 27. For more information, see the Board Report section near the top of this followup email.
- [Nominations](#) for the ASCA Board of Directors must be submitted by **April 11**.
- The deadline to [submit](#) nominations for ASCA Awards of Recognition is **March 1**.
- School councils can view ASCA learning opportunities through a handy [calendar](#). The Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant is eligible for these sessions.
- ASCA has [results](#) from their survey on the ASCE Grant. From those surveyed, individuals shared some of their grant activities and their frustrations with the eligibility criteria. They'd like to be able to use the grant for food and entertainment purchases.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: February

Recovery Alberta is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. [Learn more](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Alberta Education is providing school councils with a \$500 [School Council Engagement Grant](#). Nineteen school councils have completed the grant application. School councils can still apply for their grant. Councils should plan to use their funds by the end of June. For more information about the grant process and FAQs, see the [EIPS website](#). If you have questions, contact [Emma Small](#).

COSC SHARING: Extra ASCE Grant funds from Andrew School

There's \$500 left over from the ASCE Grant funds from Andrew School. As the school is closed, the COSC executive consulted members on what they'd like to do with the remaining money. COSC members discussed a parent resource library at Central Services but landed on potentially purchasing multiples of the Brain Architecture Game for school councils to use. Associate Superintendent Marshall said he'd look into the cost that EIPS pays for the game, and he said the Division could look at supporting councils with having facilitators when playing the game.

School councils also discussed what they've used or are planning to use their grant on. Several activities included purchasing more copies of the Brain Architecture Game, math nights with [Box Cars & One-Eyed Jacks](#), sessions featuring local experts, and numeracy resources, such as dice and cards.

COSC SHARING: School council goals and School Education Plans

COSC members shared how their school council goals support the School Education Plan at their school. Several activities that related to school council goals included implementing a staff recognition program, a science fair, and focus on career and technology studies competitions.

EIPS ADMINISTRATIVE 146: Social Media EIPS Associate Superintendent Marshall discussed [EIPS Administrative Procedure 146: Social Media](#). After the provincial government introduced new legislation, EIPS administration updated the procedure to reflect these changes. [Blocked Social Media Sites for EIPS Students](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 9-15:** [Random Acts of Kindness Week](#)
- **February 10:** 2025-26 [returning student registration](#) opens
- **February 11:** [Logos Christian Junior High Program Information Session](#)
- **February 13:** [Vegreville Outreach Program Information Session](#)
- **February 15:** [National Flag Day](#)
- **February 17:** Family Day (schools and Central Services closed)
- **February 17:** [Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)
- **February 20:** [Board of Trustees Meeting](#)
- **February 24:** 2025-26 [returning student registration](#) closes
- **February 26:** [Pink Shirt Day](#)

- **March 5:** Early Dismissal
- **March 7:** Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)

Additional information from the Feb. 5, 2025 meeting is available at eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on March 5, 2025. We look forward to seeing you there.

6. TRUSTEE REPORT*: Trina Boymook

FI and redesignation of Lakeland Ridge Senior High Attendance Area- January 29 we held an open house on a draft transition plan. The plan was well received. The plan will allow the grade 11 students to complete their grade 12 at Ardrossan and Sherwood Heights grade 9 students to Sal for Grade 10 a year ahead of the program moving. Since both Facey and Sal both have open boundaries, Lakeland Ridge students will have the choice to remain to complete their remaining grades at Sal if they want.

Student Transportation – It has come to our attention that given that the Student Transportation Regulations wasn't amended to reflect the reduced eligibility distance, we will be running a deficit for this year as we set the fees to reflect how funding was calculated and not how the government decided to calculate. We will be appealing the number they are using. If we the regulation isn't amended, we will need to reconsider our service levels and the fees amounts that will be charged for the upcoming year.

Retreat - The Board had a three-day retreat Feb 10-12. These discussions will shape the work of the Board's work for the remainder of this year and next.

The Government released the Budget on February 27. The weighted moving average has been modified to a two year average. 30% of the funding will be based on this year's enrollment and 70% will be based on next year's estimated enrollment. Classroom complexity grant has been increased by 20%. The funding manual will not be provided to Boards until early April. It will be at that point that we will have a greater sense of the impact of the provincial budget. The Board is already in budget discussions to prepare for the release of the funding manual.

7. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT*: Curtis Starko

SAL for Humanity

- Karim

Staffing:

- Mr. Cooper out for a month
 - Michelle Wyman filling in a counselor role
 - Sara Tinney covering Michelle
- Open House
 - Thank you to Tracey and Kim for coming
 - Successful, 1200 attendees
 - Feedback from parents
- January Diploma Results
 - 88.4% Acceptable
 - 23% SE
- Grad
 - Drummers
 - Assembly
- Registration
 - March 4th - 12th: presentations
 - Receive Registration handout
 - March 13th - 20th
 - Enter into PowerSchool
- Current active clubs at SAL
 - Model UN
 - Debate

- Reach for the Top!
- Math competition
- Skills Canada (fashion: Kayla Klita, fabrication, culinary arts)
- Robotics
- Robotics (Brock)
- International Trips
 - Musical Theatre: New York
 - Robotics: Texas
 - Band: Banff
- Black Community Celebration 2025
 - SAIL
 - Message was great: not that racism is a problem, but we are all in this together, we are all one team
- Calendar
 - Opportunity Wednesdays
- Parent Teacher Interviews
 - March 18th: in person
 - March 19th: telephone
 - Thoughts?
- Spring Break
 - School closed due to maintenance
- Fees
 - Survey Results
 - Proposed Fees
 - Declaration
- Next meeting
 - Change from March 20th?

Upcoming dates:

- March 7: PD Day
- March 13th: Parent Council
- March 17: Summer School opens
- March 18th: P/T interviews 4:30 pm - 7pm (in person)
- March 19th: P/T interviews 4:30 pm - 7pm (telephone)

8. Adjournment: 7:14pm

9. Next Meeting: April 24, 2025