

Salisbury School Council

Minutes

November 16, 2015

Cathy Allen	Colleen Butler	Nadine Duiker
Shafir Walji	Rayline Ziegler	Barb McNeill
Robin Hermany	Cheryl Galbraith	Jessica Hermany

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Rayline Ziegler welcomed the parents to the School Council Meeting and round table introductions were done, including the two students attending tonight's meeting Shafir Walji and Jessica Hermany. An attendance list was circulated, Mrs. Ziegler asked for consent to distribute meeting information and minutes to those providing email contact information.

Motion: To approve the agenda as is.

Moved by Robin Hermany and seconded by Colleen Butler.

2. **Approval of minutes:** This item was tabled until the next meeting as the secretary was unable to attend this evening.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Operating Procedures:** Nadine Duiker reviewed the updates to the Operating Procedures which were provided via email prior to the meeting. No other changes were requested.
Motion: To adopt the Salisbury School Council Operating Procedures.
Moved by Collen Butler and seconded by Cheryl Galbraith.
 - b. **Saffron Centre Presentation:** Action item from last meeting. Cathy Allen has looked into this some more and is excited about having a session. She wants to preview the video first and will look at having a presentation in the New Year.
 - c. **Parent Information Evenings:** Rayline Ziegler had contacted learning clicks to get some potential dates in place. She had two dates a week apart but it was felt that it may be too busy this time of year to accommodate that as families are very busy. It was decided to have a presentation on scholarships on Dec 3rd and to look at doing a Learning Clicks presentation early next year. Rayline will call them back to see what dates they would be available.
 - d. **2015-2018 School Education Plan:** Cathy Allen gave a fantastic overview of some of the highlights for the current education plan. This is posted on the school website and parents can feel free to contact her with any questions in this regard. An important point that was brought up is that students will be registering this week for MY PASS.

This allows the students to follow their grades throughout high school and post-secondary. It also has a great post-secondary planning tool. When signing up make sure that you chose an email that you can keep for life, please do not use a school email address.

4. **Reports:**

- a. **COSC and Trustee Report:** Please see attached. Barb gave an update on the COSC meeting as Apryl was unable to attend. There was an update and discussion on Your Future –It’s a matter of choice, National Child Day, Bully awareness week, Great Kid Awards and the need to submit the School Council Annual Report. Rayline has already completed this. More information on these items can be found on the EIPS website.
- b. **Principal Report:**
 - i. Bullying Awareness week was discussed with many of the activities that are planned, including students to wear pink on Friday.
 - ii. Many events happening in the next several weeks including hosting 3 Christmas concerts, basketball tournament, electronics disposal event, e-sport games night, Castlerock selling diploma preparation books, drama club events, a planned lock down drill and parent teacher interviews.

5. **New Business:**

- a. **Registered Societies reporting to School Council:** A discussion was had in regards to this. Nadine Duiker explained that societies are distinctly separate entity and do not report to the School Council. They are governed by different legislation and neither the School Council nor school itself can have any authority over the society. She also stated that although this is the case of course the principal has ultimate decision making authority in the school and that a good relationship should be fostered by all parties. It was also discussed that the band had made an application for their own society but it was also discussed that AGLC will only allow one society to be associated with each school. Cathy Allen confirmed that this is what she has been told as well and has full confidence that both the football and band groups could have access to these funds. Since the football parents did most of the work, the first casino money will be put towards their needs.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm. Submitted by Nadine Duiker.