

Salem Elementary School
Parent School Support Committee
Minutes
April 7, 2026, 6:00PM

Attendees: Kathryn Johnston (Chair), Heather Morgan, Michael Robar, Deidra Riddle, Ashley Flemming, Kirsty Bell, Allison Bernardi, Michelle Folkins, Erin Atkinson

Regrets: Jolyne Knockwood, Heather Sullivan, Amanda Beale

1. Welcome

Kathryn welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. Review School Improvement Plan

Heather provided updates on the School Improvement Plan and ongoing assessments of the measures for the plan. Data is still being compiled for some of the assessments that were completed earlier in the spring. These should hopefully be able to be presented at our next meeting.

3. Review student results & assessment data

Student results from provincial assessments were presented including last years Grade 4 results and the Grade 5 results from last year (which would represent Grade 4 students from last year at Salem).

The results for Grade 5 provincial assessments from 2024/25, noted lower scores for numeracy, which was represented in changes made to this year school improvement plan for interventions around numeracy. French Second Language reading was done well and was higher than the results for the district and province.

The results for the Grade 4 provincial assessments from 2024/25 on Reading showed the success rate for English Prime was 44%, and for Grade 1 entry French Immersion was 70%.

It was noted that these results are just a snapshot in time, and that other data needs to be taken into consideration as well.

It would be interesting to look at this data over time to note any trends, and for the 2025/26 data to be able to look at it by the students who were on PLPs.

4. Lockdown drill feedback

A lockdown drill was completed in March and went well. There was positive feedback from the RCMP member who was present during the drill. To lockdown the entire building took about 8 minutes, which was noted as being very fast. It was noted that facilities were coming to look at having locks placed between classrooms on the floors, as if one door is left open (even if it is empty because the class is in another location), it makes all classrooms on that floor accessible. This will be followed-up on our call in June.

The RCMP member also took the time to visit with the Kindergarten classes to answer any questions they may have had after the drill.

5. Social Activities for the Spring

A number of year-end trips are being planned for the next few months including classes going to see Matilda Jr., and Alice, A Dance Tale at Convocation Hall. Each class is being encouraged to plan a year-end trip.

6. Review the usage of PSSC budget

It was shared that the PSSC budget, which does not get used by the PSSC as we have our meetings virtually, was put towards a gift for the teachers.

7. Any additional items/concerns

Michelle Folkins shared some new from the district. They are working on a recruitment video for PSSC that should be available for the start of the next school year. Hopefully it will help with recruitment for next years PSSC.

Kathryn noted that this will be her last year with the PSSC, as her children will no longer be students at Salem. A new PSSC chair will be needed for next year.

Heather suggested that Mathieu Basque, the incoming principal for Salem for next year be invited to our next meeting to be introduced to the PSSC. Heather will reach out to Mathieu to see if he is available.

8. Next Meeting Date: June 2nd, 2026, at 6:00PM