

Salem Elementary
SIP Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020

The mission of Salem Elementary is to foster a safe and caring learning environment that celebrates individual uniqueness and promotes high expectations and critical thinking. By doing so, our students will be empowered to reach their full potential, becoming responsible members of society.

- I. Call to Order 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Ryan Knapp (Salem Principal), Marie Seiter (Salem Secretary), Crissy McNulty (Salem Parent/PTO President), Russell Andersonning (Salem Parent), Miriam Corvino (Salem Parent), Lukas Descavish (Salem Teacher/Resource Room), Cheryl Pozniak (Salem Teacher $\frac{3}{4}$), Angela Drolet (Salem Teacher 2nd grade)

Absent: Liz Deutch (Salem Parent), Shelly Lecerone (Salem Parent)

- II. General Announcement
- a. Happy New Year
 - i. **Welcome to 2020 hopefully the year has started well**
 - b. Congratulations Mrs. and Mr. Hill- Hunter Michael on January 21
 - i. **Ms. Christine Kerster is the long term guest teacher and will be at Salem until sometime around Spring Break**
 - c. Interim Superintendent George Heitsch
 - i. **Mr. George Heitsch started January 1 as Interim Superintendent and will serve SLCS until at least July 1, 2020**
 - d. MLI Leading Superintendent Search
 - i. **Michigan Leadership Institute has contracted with the SLCS School Board to lead the search for the next great SLCS Superintendent. Look for opportunities for all stakeholders to help shape the job posting as well as be involved in the process**
 - e. Calendar Change- March 4 and March 10
 - i. **March 4 was originally scheduled as a $\frac{1}{2}$ day on student instruction and a $\frac{1}{2}$ day (P.M.) of teacher professional development. March 4 is now a full day on instruction and March 11 is no school, full-day professional development for teachers. March 11 is the primary for the presidential election in November 2020, expected to have a large turnout. A recent change in state law has allowed the district to make this swap**
 - f. 2020-2021 School Calendar
 - i. **Communicated in a Skylert from Ben Kirby, expect the 2020-2021 calendar to be approved by the School Board in early February and be released shortly after**

III. Upcoming Events

a. February Break

- i. February 12 (½ day) - February 18, school resumes on February 19**

b. March is Reading Month

- i. #MICoyote
- ii. Brainstormers March 11
- 1. Student need to submit original pieces of work to be selected by Brainstormers to be performed on March 11**
- iii. Reading Night March 19
- 1. Please make plans to attend the Salem Literacy Night to celebrate as a community our love for reading, writing, and our great community! 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
 - 2. Salem PTO Basket Raffle and Silent Auction**
 - a. PTO seeking Teacher Experiences for Silent Auction**
 - b. Do you have a great basket or auction idea, please reach out to Crissy McNulty**
- iv. Book Fair
- 1. Book Fair will run the week of March 16. Book Fair will be open during Literacy Night on March 19.**

IV. Budget Update/Review

a. Spending to date

- i. A number of large expenses to start the calendar year, primarily literacy resources to supplement current grade level resources. Also large purchase of books for the Book Vending Machine as well as a Literacy Conference that 5 teachers are attending along with Mr. Knapp**

V. Old Business

a. 5th-grade camp update

- i. In the process of identifying parent chaperones and completing background checks, fingerprinting, and drug screen completed**

b. [Proposed School Bond](#)

- i. Board Meeting - January 21
1. Discussion
- ii. Board Meeting- February 4
2. Possibly call for an election

Be on the lookout for information regarding a potential school bond. The website will have information posted. Currently, a slide show is on

the website and linked above. This represents a starting point for a potential bond. More to come to from the Board of Education in the coming months

c. Sensory Path

Thank you to Ms. Melanie Curico (Salem Custodian) for the extra work that she put in over the Winter Holiday/Break. Ms. Curico stripped the wax while preserving the decals and then laid an additional 9 coats of wax to help protect and preserve our sensory path. Thank you for the extra work, effort, and pride you show in Salem, it is appreciated!

VI. New Business

a. Accountability Scorecard

i. Available on the MDE website parents can review our accountability scorecard. In general, our overall score went up from 2018-2019. Focus area is on attendance- the more kids are in school and the more access to the curriculum and the more they will improve. We will also continue to focus on our economically disadvantaged and special education populations

b. Academic Updates

i. 2nd Marking Report Cards, IRIP, NWEA

1. 2nd Marking period grades will be available online on Thursday, January 30- letter providing directions on how to log on will be sent home on Thursday the 30th.

2. I-RIP and NWEA updates will be sent home on February 5, 2020

c. M-Step- 3,4,5, Writing Pilot complete by January 30

i. Salem is participating in a Pilot from MDE for an M-Step style writing prompt. 3rd,4th, and 5th-grade students will complete a single writing prompt online before the end of the month.

VII. Additional Agenda Items

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VIII. Items for the next meeting.

a. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27 at 8:00 a.m.

IX. Adjournment

8:45 a.m.