



SALISBURY MORSE PLACE SCHOOL
HOME OF THE VIPERS

CSA Meeting October 14, 2025
In Person @ Salisbury Morse Place School
6:30pm

Attendees: SMP Admin: Tanis Ziprick, Chris Dasch, Chris Coppinger
CSA Chair: Amanda Yakel
Secretary: Teresa Sousa
Fundraising Committee: Crystal Samuel
Parent / Community Members: Amanda C, Ramona, Lyssa

1) Welcome, Call to Order, Time: 6:33pm

2) Old Business

- Approval of Sept 16th Minutes: *Approved* - 1st: Lyssa, 2nd: Amanda C
- Treasurer position still needs to be filled
 - Amanda Cowan has put her name forward, and has been appointed as the new CSA Treasurer

3) Principal's Report

1. Staff Professional Development

- All divisional staff just completed Treaty Training this past week. Our teachers, EAs, clerical staff and custodial team worked at Kildonan East Collegiate with several other neighbouring schools. We appreciate the learning we had together, along with elders, knowledge keepers and divisional support staff.
- On Oct. 1, at our Staff Meeting, the focus was on teachers' Professional Growth Plans, and how each teacher submits a plan to administrators by the end of the first month of school. Our teachers have a wide variety of inquiry topics they want to engage in to support further growth in their professional learning.
- On Oct. 24, MTS PD Day, staff attend MTS pd conferences in a wide variety of areas that connect to their own Professional Growth Plans (PGPs). Educational Assistants will be attending divisional p.d.

2. Report Card Information and Student Led Conferences – teachers will be collating data collected from observations, conversations, and products, compiling their findings on your child's report card on Friday, Nov 7 (no classes for students). Student Led Conferences are on Thursday after school/evening only (Nov 27). This is because we did not have an additional day to serve as a coordinated day for the typical Friday Student Leds. Ensure you have booked your student led time through Conference Manager, with open/closing dates and times sent in an e-memo to families.

3. Remembrance Day Assembly- will be held on Monday, Nov 10 on TEAMS for the whole school.

4. **Orange Shirt Day** - Monday, Sept 29 - Our IAA committee planned activities to further students' understanding about residential schools and how "Every Child Matters". We had several separate in-person assemblies (EY and MY), featuring songs, dancers, read alouds and videos. We welcomed one of our own Gr 5 students who danced for our students and staff. Our MY students spent time with Elder Norman Meade, for the second consecutive year.
5. **Lockdown/Hold & Secure Drills** – two of each drill per year must be conducted, according to policy EBCBB-R, being held beginning of November. There will be a letter sent home to families before the drills take place. Teachers have been talking about procedures for these drills and Fire Drills since the beginning of the school year, in age-appropriate ways.
6. **Clubs and Extracurricular Moments for Students** – we have had a variety of activities and opportunities for students introduced this month, including MY volleyball, music clubs in the EY classes, and cross-country clubs for EY and MY. Fibre arts club is beginning very soon for MY students, as is Newcomers Welcome Club for EY students. A variety of Friendship Clubs are facilitated by teachers.
7. **Our first family Movie Night** (Playground Fundraiser) is coming up on Thursday, Oct 23. Our school team will be following a similar format to the last movie night we had. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will start at 5:30 p.m. There are two shorter, half-hour movies being played, back-to-back, in response to feedback that indicated full length features were difficult for our younger students.
8. **BSSIP evening for families** is coming up this Thursday, Oct 16, which includes a Story Sharing evening and dinner.
9. **Greening Committee Mtg** – our staff and Crystal, as parent representative from CSA, will be getting together in the next few weeks to talk about grant writing and potential next steps to fundraise for our green space/inclusive playground.

Q & A : Question regarding EY Winter Concert

- Dec 17th flagged as possible date of concert
- New format for winter concert: one day of back-to-back concerts, both held in the afternoon and the evening. This way for families with children spanning across grades K-3 they don't have to come two separate nights.
- Eg. Family who have a child in both K and 3 would come for the first concert, watch their K child, leave the gym at the end of the first concert, grab their K child from the classroom and line back up to re-enter the gym to watch their Gr3 child in the second concert.

4) Lunch Program Report

Currently do not have a lunch coordinator, a number of people are filling in and doing the work. The position is still open to anyone who is interested.

5) Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance (Sept 16, 2025)		\$3,474.12
	Expenses	Profits
Childcare for Sept 2025 Meeting	- \$42.00	
Transfer of Winter/Spring concert Monies to EY Music Program	- \$482.00	
Balance at Oct 14, 2025		\$2,949.92

6) Fundraising Report

Mabel's Labels - On going year round via the SMP e-Memo

Farm to Market (Peak of the Market)

- Was successful with 69 orders (more than last year)
- \$3,300 total sales with a profit of \$1,650 for ESMP (cheques are usually mailed to us however with the Canada Pot strike, Crystal will pick it up when ready)
- A BIG thank you to all who came out and helped!
- One big lesson: donation bundles that are ordered should come to ESMP with our order, in the event that someone accidentally orders a donation bundle and is expecting a physical order to pick up. This time around we had no extra produce to sell or give away. This will help avoid any mistake orders. We can then give the donations to the food banks of our choice.

Shelmerdine Seasonal Plant sale

- Online orders will start Nov 3rd, order deadline is Dec 3rd
- Delivery / Pick-up: Dec 10th in the MY Gym
- no minimum sales required and a good profit:
 - Poinsettias \$20 (\$6.50 profit)
 - Swags \$45 (\$9.50 profit)
 - Wreaths \$50 (\$7.50 profit)
 - Gift cards (10% profit)
- Vouchers available for purchase online and can be used in store until Dec 23rd
- Fundraiser will be advertised on the school website

Jollibee

- set for Nov 21st (e-memo advert starting Oct 31)
- Family Joy Nights - 20% profits of anything bought that night when you mention SMP school during your order
- Nairn Location only; online code for pick up and delivery orders

Other ideas / mentions

Freddy's Burgers and Custard

- does similar to Jollibee idea

Kernels Popcorn

- school wide sale around March break (Mar 26?) with Band Parent Association (BPA)
- MY sales would go to BPA, EY sales to CSA

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- reusable snack bags and such
- Rocco's Pizzeria Kit

7) Greenspace Report

- Email was sent to Nikki to join in on one of our future meetings.
- Sun Nov 30, Alumni Trivia afternoon. (Oct 23rd, idea is going to the board for approval)

8) New Business / Open Discussion

- Amanda Y and Crystal met with Emma Durand-Wood (running for city councillor). They met with her outside ESMP to talk about the street safety around the school, speed limits, our plans for the Greenspace project. Other city councils were approached, however no one else has really reached out, except for Zekaria Selahadin.

- Survey going out to teachers about fundraising, what they would like to see done in the school, ways they would like CSA to help them. Only 8 responses so far; link will be sent out again by admin hoping to get more responses.

- Amanda Y and Crystal will be going to divisional PAC meeting next week on Oct 22nd. District wide meeting for all RETSD PAC groups to share ideas.

- Motion put forward to change the CSA meeting start time from 6:30pm to 5:30pm; pending confirmation of babysitter's availability
 - All future CSA meetings will be in person, unless weather is terrible. (Usually only January and February are the "rough" months and may be on TEAMS)

- Question was asked about what is actually planned for green space:
 - Green space is looking to add basketball court, swing, and an accessible, inclusive play structure (play structure is the main goal)
 - Walking space will probably be removed (it was on the concept art on the outside of the school and was drawn up with the last administration)

- Question was asked to Admin about the approach to split grade classes:
 - Admin explains that split classes are based on the number of staff and students; They are given a resource to work off of that is comprised of data about the types of families that live in our neighbourhood and the needs of the students here. Admin is given an configuration to follow and technique to keep the class sizes on a smaller scale.

9) Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm

Next CSA Meeting:

November 18, 2025 , Time to be determined - In Person @ SMP School Library