

Ellenvale Junior High

School Advisory Council

June 4, 2024

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Michelle Doolan, Cindy O'Handley, Karen Mills, Denise Shellnut, Tyrone Richards, Charmaine Willis, Fedra Sotas, Fran Daigle

Approval of Minutes - Denise Shellnut and Tyrone Richards

1. **Principal's Report** - see attached

2. **Student Success Plan** -

Literacy - generating ideas continues to be the focus

Numeracy - conferencing continues to be the focus

Student Well-Being - The focus continues to be creating a safe school for all students in all areas of both buildings.

In May we had an assembly for grades 6-8 from an organization called, Get Real. They addressed the acceptance and celebration of differences in our community. Some parents reached out and said that they don't want their child attending such presentations, but as a school we feel it is vital in teaching acceptance and tolerance.

3. **New Business:**

- a) **Questions/comments** - An item forgotten in the Principal's report is that we had some of our ANS students attend DHS for Black Excellence Day. A number of students from various schools celebrated Black Excellence through spoken word, music and talks. Special guest was Maestro Fresh Wes (a Canadian rapper, singer, record producer, actor, and author). Our students had a great time.
-The school play, Annie, incorporated $\frac{1}{3}$ of our student body in some capacity.
- b) **SAC Annual Report** - Mr. Wadden wrote the SAC report which included where the money was spent (chromebooks) and how SAC members supported the school throughout the year.
- c) **Grade 9 transition** - students have already visited Woodlawn High School and students going to Dartmouth High School are visiting on June 11. Transition meetings have been completed and all relevant information has been shared with the high schools.
- d) **Grade 6 transition** - students have been to Ellenvale for a visit where they were able to ask questions and tour both buildings. Transition meetings with the feeder schools have taken place and we feel we have all the information needed to successful transition students in September.

- e) **Learning Centre** - We have a number of students with significant needs and some coming in September with specific needs and as a result we will be creating 3 LC spaces, 2 in the main building and 1 in the modular. We will also be getting a new 100% LC teacher who will work out of the main building and Ms. O'Handley will be moving to the modular.
- f) **Staffing Update for 2024-25** - We are losing 3 permanent teachers, Mr. Bignall and Mr. Regan are going elsewhere and Ms. Mitchell is retiring. We are also losing an EPA, Mr. MacDonald who is retiring and a term teacher, Mme. Leduc. We will be having 25 homeroom classes but this could change in September depending on numbers. Right now our English grade 7 classes have 30 and 31 students in them. This year we have 638 students and as of right now, we have 635 students registered.
- g) **Other** - there will not be a grade 6 closing ceremony as the grade 6 students are not leaving our building, as most of them will actually be staying in the modular next year. There will be a grade 9 closing ceremony.