

**Ellenvale Junior High**  
**School Advisory Council**

**October 1, 2024**

**Attendance** - Scott Wadden, Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon, Michelle Doolan, Denise Shellnut, Charmaine Willis, Adele Poirier, Karen Mills, Fran Daigle

1. **Introductions** - Mr. Wadden introduced everyone and mentioned that there will be a new parent joining SAC.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Charmaine Willis and Denise Shellnut
3. **Ellenvale SAC Bylaws** - Each SAC member was sent the documents and will review them for the next meeting. If accepted then Margie will come into the school to sign off on them.
4. **Principal's Report** - see attachment
5. **Student Success Plan** - Literacy, Numeracy, and Student Well-Being
  - Numeracy** - the grade 8 teachers looked at the grade 7 report cards and saw that 20/176 students did not meet the HRCE benchmark of 70%. The school is looking at strategies to support these students. Mr. Wadden will create a report and keep track of progress and will submit a report every 6 weeks. The focus will be on making sure students understand what is included in success criteria. How will they be able to show that they understand the material being taught? Teachers will break down the indicators for students. Conferencing will also continue.
  - Literacy** - On the October 11th PD we will look at creating a goal based on data from last year.
  - Student Well-Being** - If the student survey results are provided by the October 11th PD, we will look at those to create a goal.
6. **New Business:**
  - a) **SAC Provincial Conference** - Mr. Wadden, Margie and Ms. Willis attended a one day conference of about 1000 participants. Some of the presentations they attended included wellness/mental health, safe and inclusive schools where SAC members looked at defining what violence is, The Lunch program with Dr. Strange talked about how it impacts health and wellness, funding for school initiatives, and how policy is developed.

- b) **Finances** - SAC Grant which is \$5000 plus \$1.00 per student for a total of \$5640. This money must be used for school improvements. A suggestion was to use some of the funds to bring in substitute teachers to allow teachers to work on the literacy and numeracy goals.

There is also a Healthy Schools Grant of \$5000 plus \$1.00 per student for a total of \$5640. This is to be used to support student health and learning. Some suggestions for this money was to buy more Black Lives Matter and Every Child Matters t-shirts for students who are new to the building. Also put some money towards the GSA group who meet every Wednesday. Last year we had a cultural fair and we could put some of the money towards supporting that again. We also could use a bike rack and some stencils for the school grounds (such as 4-Square and other activities).

Finally, there is a SAC Innovation Grant that can be applied for that is \$10,000 but this is not guaranteed. Last year 128 schools applied and only 10 received the money. If we decide to apply we would need to come up with an innovative idea for the school. Some ideas from previous schools include a class set of bikes, a storybook trail around the school filled with literacy, a pollinating garden for the bees, a multimedia translator for the community when there are school events.

- c) **Student Fees** - the school does not require student fees.
- d) **Classroom configuration and Schedule** - We have 25 homerooms classes, 6 gr 6s, 6 gr 7s, 7 gr 8s, 6 gr 9s. We are a large junior high school. The cap is 30 students per classroom and we did not exceed this, so there were no changes. If after this point we do get more students registering we may be over the cap in some classes.
- e) **RWM6 Provincial Assessments** - the grade 6 students are ready, all adaptations have been put in place. They will write 2 days the week of Oct 1-4 and 2 days the week of Oct 7-10. The information from this assessment will inform the school how to support programming as well as certain individuals.
- f) **Other** - no topics were brought up.

7. **Suggested meeting dates** - November 5, December 10, January 28, April 8, June 3

8. **Meeting Adjourned** - 4:28