

Ellenvale Junior High

School Advisory Council

January 28, 2025

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Adele Poirier, Michelle Doolan, Karen Mills, Denise Shellnut, Margie Pike, Francina Daigle, Efua Arthur, Sophie Mitchell

Approval of Minutes - Therese MacKinnon-Boudreau and Margie Pike

1. **Principal's Report** - see attachment
2. **Student Success Plan** - Literacy, Numeracy, Student Well-Being
 - Literacy** - Focus is grade 7 reading comprehension strategies as well as independence with reading so they can find a love of reading
 - Numeracy** - Focus is grade 8 retrieval strategies to help with recall of previously taught material that they can apply to new learning
 - Student Well-Being** - has focused on food insecurities for students. We have been doing a good job with this as all students have access to snacks and lunch if needed. We will be looking to create a new goal shortly.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) **SAC Allocated Money** - \$5635.00 - the plan was to get subs to relieve teachers to work on the SSP goals, but right now it is difficult to get subs to allow for planning. If this does not change we will have to revisit where to allocate the money under the SSP.
 - b) **Healthy Schools Grant** - \$1200 - It has been decided that this will go towards keeping our students engaged in physical activities by providing a bike rack on school property so students can take their bikes to school.
 - c) **Registration Month** - February is a busy month in the school year as we start looking at organizing for next year. To help grade 9s get ready for the transition to high school, presentations will start soon from DHS and Woodlawn High, there will be parent meetings. The school has also reached out to the elementaries about the grade 5s coming up. We are talking to grade 6 students about the late French Immersion program. Principals were in a meeting about shifting the focus of French Immersion from only the top students to letting all students know that they are welcome in this program, even if they struggle in school. Mr. Wadden has a powerpoint to present to parents at the FI meetings. Mme. Boudreau also mentioned that she and another FI teacher have received training on how to program for students in the FI program who may have specialized programming.
 - d) **Innovation Grant Sub-Committee** - Margie Pike and Denise Shellnut have volunteered to do this grant with teachers. Mr. Wadden has sent the grant

information to staff to see what suggestions they come up with. No new information has been provided other than the email from last year.

- e) **African Heritage Month** - See Principal's Report for upcoming events taking place. Teachers are also doing a lot of teaching around African Heritage Month. Schools Plus earlier this year put up an amazing bulletin board that showcases many different individuals of African Heritage.
- f) **Other** - Margie Pike asked if there would be additional resource for FI if there might be students with varying needs in the program (ie: FI resource teachers). HRCE does not have a lot of French resource teachers so this is not a reality. Our FI programs are underrepresented by the Indigenous and ANS students. It is being stressed that learning strategies and skills in English can transfer to the French language. It was suggested that maybe we could reach out to former FI students who may need volunteer time to come and support our students if needed.

Next meeting - April 8, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.