

**Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council
June 3, 2025**

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Michelle Doolan, Cindy O'Handley, Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon, Karen Mills, Denise Shellnut, Charmaine Willis, Margie Pike, Efua Arthur, Sophie Mitchell

1. **Approval of Minutes** - Denise Shellnut and Charmaine Willis
2. **Principal's Report** - see notes
3. **Student Success Plan -Literacy, Numeracy, Student Well-Being**
 - a) **Literacy** - Continued to work with grade 7 students on multiple ways of representing learning. Teachers are happy with the progress made and are seeing that more students are reading for pleasure.
 - b) **Numeracy** - grade 8 focus was on preparing for the RWM8 Assessments. Teachers worked on retrieval strategies as well as how to write a multiple choice assessment but looking at elimination of answers that don't make sense.
 - c) **Student Well-Being** - continues to look at outdoor space. The bike racks have arrived and will be installed by the fence by the modular. Still looking at painting games on the pavement for recess and lunch time.
4. **New Business**
 - a) **Responses/questions from Principal's Report** - none
 - b) **SAC Annual Report** - A report on money spent: \$1755 was spent on t-shirts for the grade 9 students which will arrive on Thursday, \$1600 on chromebook repairs, \$420 to support students who signed up for the ski trip but could not afford the cost, \$352 on teacher appreciation lunch, \$1540 on substitutes to support the administration of the RWM8 Assessments. The school ended up with a deficit of \$29 which was covered through the instructional budget. Members felt this was all a good use of the money this year.
 - c) **Student Fee Report** - The school does not require student fees other than a maximum of \$50 for those who participate in athletics. Fees collected were \$2945 and paid out was \$3744. There is no charge for buses or field trips, other than the ski trip as that is a very costly event. This year \$6275 was collected and \$6253 was spent (which includes SAC funds) with a surplus of \$22.
 - d) **Grade 9 Transition** - Meetings (admin, guidance, LC and resource) already took place with the high school and students went up for a visit.
 - e) **Grade 5 Transition** - Meetings (admin, guidance, LC and resource) already took place with the elementaries and the grade 5s will be coming up to visit Ellenvale on June 9th.
 - f) **Staffing Updates** - We have some teachers leaving by choice and others who are only term so they may not be returning. There are 2 new teachers coming for

phys ed, one for 7/8 social studies, 1 for 6/7/8 science and 1 for 7/8/9 tech ed. There are some LC staff leaving due to lower numbers in the LC. There are still some positions open that hopefully will be filled through the rest of the application process.

- g) **Year End Items** - Grade 9 dance on June 12th and year end ceremony on June 26. Exams for grade 9s on June 19 & 20. Assessment day on June 27 (no students). Grades 6,7,8 will have a scavenger hunt and awards ceremony on June 30th then an early dismissal. Report cards are mailed out by 12 on June 30.
- h) **Innovation Fund Grant** - Margie has been heading this and through talking with Mr. Wadden, Mr. Pettipas and Ms. Farrell and Ms. Barnett, it was decided that purchasing AV equipment for the school would support the musicals, band concerts, cafes and allow for extra curricular activities around understanding the staging, lighting, and sound portion of productions. Each year \$2500-\$3000 is spent on equipment rentals so over the last 4 years that's between \$10,000-\$12,000. To buy the equipment needed would be about equal to what was already spent, so the purchase would pay for itself over 4-5 years. There is also a plan to fundraise or look for donations to buy a storage container to house the equipment as space is limited in the building. The focus was based on the number of students who participate in the band program and musicals (our numbers have increased each year). This year 129 students participated in the musical. The musical makes money and this would go towards the arts as well. Mr. Wadden will get the amounts brought in over the last 4 years with the musical to give Margie to add to the application. Deadline is June 13th.
- i) **Other** - There will be no music program for the grade 7,8,9 outside of band as the Department of Education has mandated that grades 7&8 students receive Tech Ed as an elective. Next year every student must have 2 electives that consist of 2 hours of one every 2 weeks and 3 hours of the other every 2 weeks. Next year Tech Ed will back band instead of music. Grade 7s will have art, grade 8s will have Fam St and grade 9s will have Child Studies (as we are going to see if we can work with Brookhouse for this program). Grade 6s will still have music. Band is an elective, so band students will not have Tech Ed due to scheduling.

Mr. Wadden would like to thank all SAC members for giving their time and input as it is greatly appreciated. He feels it has been helpful in making schoolwide decisions. He would like to wish those moving on a huge thank you and best of luck with next year - Karen Mills, Sophie Mitchell, Efua Arthur. He hopes those who are here will continue with their roles in SAC.

Happy summer everyone!

Meeting Adjourned - 4:54