

Ellenvale Junior High

School Advisory Council

October 7, 2025

Attendance: Scott Wadden, Adele Poirier, Michelle Doolan, Therese Boudreau MacKinnon, Cindy O'Handley, Charmaine Willis, Jane Roycroft, Denise Shellnut, Colleen Mitchell, Stephen Ojeleye, Grace Gratian, Margie Pike

1. **Approval of Minutes** - Denise Shellnut and Colleen Mitchell
 2. **Ellenvale SAC Bylaws** - Mr. Wadden will email out to the members for us all to review then will be discussed at the next meeting. If there are no issues they will be signed off on.
 3. **Principal's Report** - see notes attached
 4. **Student Success Plan - Literacy, numeracy, and Student Well-Being**
 - Literacy** - The grade 7s will focus on generating ideas and using graphic organizers to help students create their next steps in their writing. This was identified from the results of the grade 6 assessments.
 - Numeracy** - The grade 8s will focus on computational fluency with flexibility when problem solving. This was a result of the grade 8 assessments.
 - Student Well-Being** - Ensuring students feel safe in the hallways and around the school as well as building a positive school community.All goals will be reviewed at the end of the term to see where to go from here.
- Grade 8 Provincial Assessment Data** - Our math results show that 66% of all students are meeting and this is 6% higher than last year and 7% higher than the regional results. Our reading scores show 78% are meeting and this is up 7% from last year. The regional results were 69%. Our writing results show 81% are meeting and this is up from last year. The regional results were 74%. Overall our school is performing well above the region.
5. **New Business**
 - a) **SAC Provincial Conference Nov 28** - Mr. Wadden and Margie Pike will be attending the conference and they will be presenting their SAC Innovation Grant progress. Only 2 representatives are able to attend.
 - b) **Finances** - SAC Grant (\$5640), Healthy School Grant (\$5640), and Student Support Grant (about \$5000). The student support grant money is used to support various field trips so parents do not need to pay. This allows equal

opportunity for all our students. Mr. Wadden will email members once he gets the official word on the SAC grant.

- c) **SAC Innovation Grant** - Margie Pike put together an amazing proposal that got accepted and we received \$10,000 in grant money from the province. The proposal was called Amplifying Student Voices and its focus is on providing opportunities for our students to learn audio/visual technology. We have been renting equipment for school concerts, the play, dances, etc. About \$8500 of the money from the grant will allow us to buy sound boards, lighting, wiring, etc and a space has been created close to the band room to house this equipment. Mr. Pettipas will use time in his schedule to work with students during ILT time. We are also looking to use some money to compensate Mr. Mosher, another band leader, to help out and work with students over the lunch hour. Right now, the only time in Mr. Pettipas' schedule that aligns with ILT time is with the grade 9 students and the grade 8 FI students. We are also looking to use money from the musical, canteen money, surplus from lunch monitors, and money saved from not needing to rent equipment, to help support this program once the grant money runs out.
- d) **Student Fee Report** - No student fees, only a minimal fee for athletics to cover cost of referees, etc
- e) **Staffing Update** - New Tech Ed teacher - The Tech Ed teacher retired quite abruptly and we now have a new fully qualified teacher who has been working on getting the program up and running again.

We also have 26 homeroom classes between the 2 buildings.
- f) **RWM6 Provincial Assessments** - Math will take place this Thursday and Friday and literacy will take place next Thursday and Friday.
- g) **Other** - If the Terry Fox dance does not happen due to low ticket sales, the school will still make a donation to the Terry Fox Fund.

6. **Suggested meeting dates** - November 4, December 9, January 27, April 7, June 2.
These will continue to be on Tuesday at 4:00 virtually as this seems to work for all members.

7. **Meeting Adjourned** - 4:32