

**Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council
April 7, 2026**

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Margie Pike, Denise Shellnut, Charmaine Willis, Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon, Adele Poirier, Jane Roycroft, Stephen Ojeyele, Colleen Mitchell, Michelle Doolan

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** - Apologies, as there were 2 misspelled names on the minutes which will be fixed. Minutes approved by Jane Roycroft and Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon
2. **Principal's Report** - see attachment
3. **Student Success Plan - Literacy, Numeracy, Student Well-Being**

Literacy - the focus is on grade 7 ELA classes where they just finished their goal of generating ideas and are now moving onto language use and word choices to strengthen their writing.

Numeracy - they have finished with computational fluency and are now focused on the goal of math vocabulary and building competence in speaking the math language.

Student Well-Being - we have finished the goal of connecting with students and now it was presented to us that we will be a pilot school for "Knowledge holder in residence program" which brings elders to our school to speak with students about Indigenous culture. We will be provided with a \$2000 grant. Our school will work with the diversity team to make this happen. Overall students are doing really well in all areas of student success.
4. **New Business:**
 - a) **Finances** - SAC money has been used to support the math program by providing a permanent substitute teacher to work with grades 7&8 classes one day a week. This will continue until the end of May. The Healthy School Grant funds were used to buy grade 9 memorabilia T-shirts, indoor track and field equipment, transportation for ANS field trips, student recognition awards (weekly SOAR awards) and a diversity lunch.
 - b) **Term 2 Report Cards** - students are doing well academically, with data showing the following results for grades 7-9:
 - ELA average mark was 82.9
 - FLA average mark was 81.1
 - math average mark was 83.3Indigenous students were included in these averages as our population is small. Our ANS students (70) results were:
 - ELA average mark was 80.0
 - FLA average mark was 81.7
 - math average mark was 80.0Discipline data thus far shows there have been 85 office referrals to date (less than 1/day) and this is down considerably from the previous 2 years. The school vibe is great, it's positive for both staff and students.
Of the 85 referrals - 30 ANS students, 2 Indigenous students, and 53 "other" students. There were 20 repeated referrals.
There have been 34 suspensions - 10 ANS students, 1 Indigenous student, and 23 "other" students.

Mr. Wadden and Ms. Willis will talk about the reasons for the referrals and suspensions.

- c) **SAC Innovation Grant** - We have now spent \$7896 on AV equipment and have \$2104 left to spend until June. Mr. Pettipas is working with students to learn how to work the equipment so they can look after it for the band concert and school musical. These students are very passionate about this and right now are working on creating a pep-rally video for the flag football teams. Margie is looking at where to go from here and where to spend the rest of the money. She is working on creating a partnership with the business that sold us the equipment (Long & McQuade and TourTech) as well as with Woodlawn High School who have an active AV club.
- d) **RWM8 Provincial Assessments** - These assessments are moving online this year but some adjustments need to be made to allow all students to use a Chromebook. The assessment time will be broken into 2 classes writing at the same time in a rotating schedule, which will use about 60 Chromebooks at one time. We need to test this out before the assessments to ensure there are no issues during the actual assessment time. If there are issues the assessment will still be written to allow for valid results.
- e) **Projected Enrolment for 2026-27** - We have 26 homerooms right now but at this time it looks like our grade 7 and 9 French Immersion classes are over the cap of 30 students. The school is not able to make a decision, that comes from the regional office. This could lead to split classes, which is not ideal and can be difficult in a junior high setting. Once Mr. Wadden is told what has to be done and he will let SAC know.
- f) **Year-End Events** - There will be a grade 9 year end closing dance on June 11, June 25 is the award ceremony for grade 6-8 (last year it was on the last day but attendance was very low), June 26 grade 9 closing ceremony, and June 30 last day of school.
- g) **SAC Engagement** - It was proposed that we have live meetings but the reply from SAC members was that most preferred the zoom meetings. Next year we will move to a split hybrid with the first meeting being in person, then rotating between the two. Our next meeting will be in person at the school on June 2 at 6:00 and dinner will be provided. The meeting should be under an hour.
- h) **Other** - Margie has heard that some of our phys ed equipment is in rough shape and she asked her son to make a list of items that could be replaced. Mr. Wadden stated that some equipment has just been purchased and the phys ed teachers just put in a request for equipment for next year.
 - It was also mentioned that we should try to get our students up to Woodlawn High to watch their musical, and if not as a school at least the students involved in the musical. Mr. Wadden will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned - 4:32