Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council
June 2, 2026

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Adele Poirier, Michelle Doolan, Cindy O'Handley, Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon, Charmaine Willis, Margie Pike, Jan Roycroft, Denise Shellnut, Colleen Mitchell

1. This was the first **in-person meeting** we have had this year, so we went around the table and introduced ourselves. Food was served and light conversation was had.

2. **Previous Meeting Minutes** - approved by Margie Pike and Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon

3. **Principal's Report** - see attachment

4. **Student Success Plan - Literacy, Numeracy, Student Well-Being**

Literacy - The focus is on grade 7 language use, word choices, sentence structure, and knowing your audience. The goal is to create deeper writing from our students.

Numeracy - focus is on creating an environment in grade 8 math classes where students have the opportunity to communicate their learning. Providing opportunities for group work and activities where students can explore math concepts and talk about math.

Student Well-Being - we have Knowledge Holders coming to the school to talk about kindness, empathy, and compassion from elders in the community. They will be working with all students on June 19th in an outdoor event.

5. **New Business:**
    a) **Responses and/or questions from Principal's report** - none
    b) **SAC Innovation Grant** - Mr. Wadden did a report on how the grant money was spent. We bought many different pieces of electronic audio/visual equipment that were usually rented for the school play and band concerts, so we have seen the financial benefits of our purchases already. 30 students have been trained on the equipment so we didn't need to hire anyone to work the equipment. Some of the things that were realized - meeting with students once every 2 weeks is not enough, buying only the equipment absolutely necessary was beneficial at this time, and finally we did not need to buy a storage container which saved almost $4000.00 because we found space in the school to store the equipment. This year in total, $10,018.22 was spent so it was less than expected. We will be able to continue building on the audio/visual department as a result of the money made from the musical where we did not need to rent out or hire out.
    c) **SAC Report** - Mr. Wadden shared with the committee his annual report and everyone agreed it was accurate.

d) **Grade 9 Transition** - We have 158 students moving on from grade 9 and 16 are going to Dartmouth High, the rest to Woodlawn. Transition meetings with both schools have been done where administration, guidance and resource met with those necessary at the high school. ANSSSW will be meeting next week. French Immersion students went to visit Dartmouth High last Friday and June 4th students are going to visit Woodlawn High.
e) **Grade 5 Transition** - The meetings with grade 5 teachers at feeder schools have been completed and the students are coming for a visit on June 4th to tour the buildings.
f) **Student Fee Report** - there are no fees for students other than a minimal cost to playing sports (max $50). All field trip costs are covered by the school.
g) **RWM8 Provincial Assessments Summary** - Assessments went from May19-June 9th. It was a different system this year where all students completed the assessments on Chromebooks and it was done in regular classes rather than all students writing at the same time.This was done as we were worried about the internet connection with so many writing at the same time, and we had to make sure all students had access to the technology. There were lots of pros and cons with this set up and there will be a debriefing meeting once the assessments are all completed. One thing that was determined is that there is significant conflict with the play, so the play will be moved to a later date next year to reduce conflicts.
h) **Staffing Update** - We have had successful applicants for 50% guidance, a science teacher,and a new EAL teacher who will be covering multiple schools. We have some teachers who were able to stay with us, Ms. Campbell and Ms. Bragg. We have some teachers who were terms who will be leaving and one teacher who has applied elsewhere.
i) **Year-end Events** - June is a busy month with grade 9 exams and final tests, school dance on June 11, grades 6-8 awards ceremony on June 25th in the afternoon, grade 9 closing ceremony on June 26th at 10:00. It is being stressed to students that attendance until the last day is important.
j) **Other** - nothing was brought up

6. Next Meeting Dates - TBA for the 2026-2027 school year

7. **Meeting Adjourned** - 6:58pm