

**Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council
December 13, 2022**

In attendance - Scott Wadden, Kelly Ing, Denise Chiasson, Alex Thoney, Tyrone Richards, Charmaine Willis, Karen Mills, Michelle Doolan

1. **Approval of minutes** - approved by Denise Chiasson and Karen Mills

2. **Principal's Report** - see attached

Added on information:

-Breakfast Program Grant - we feed about 20 students lunch each day and provide fruit in the hallways

-Ellenvale Outdoor Classroom Grant - 4 picnic tables have been ordered for outside

-Supporting Families for the Holidays - looking to see if we can buy gift cards as they are more culturally responsive as not all families eat the food we would buy and deliver.

-Fundraiser - All money made from the sale of the Dominos Pizza cards goes back to the school (cards sell for \$10)

3. **Student Success Plan:**

a) **Student Well-Being** - the focus will be on ensuring all students feel safe in all areas of the school. From the student data we learned that some students don't feel safe in hallways and washrooms. Teachers will focus on building relationships with students as well as all staff will be visible in hallways when students are present (class change, am, pm, etc) In our integrated learning time, lessons will be given on how school safety impacts all students and the environment in our school. A review of the "hands-off" policy will be done, and as a staff, we will look at how to support students who still do not feel safe, those who deal with racism and sexism especially.

b) **Literacy** - focus will be on conventions of writing and grammar. Teachers are seeing that these skills need refresher lessons to encourage all students to improve their writing. A small poster will be put in every classroom as a reminder that proper writing happens in all subjects, not just English class.

c) **Numeracy** - deeper thinking with level 4 type questions to enhance math skills and to use the math skills they have to solve questions that incorporate many concepts. Teachers are building a bank of these types of questions for each grade level and they are using level 4 questions in class to teach students how to solve these types of questions.

4. New Business:

- a) **SAC Allocated Money - \$5449.00** - money will be used for chromebooks
- b) **Modular Classroom Campus Update** - no real update but as far as we know our school is getting the modular classrooms due to the population influx that is happening in the next few years.
- c) **Student Support Grant and Healthy Schools Grant - \$5449.00** - the student support grant is to help reduce fundraising that would be needed for students to participate in field trips (mostly covering the cost of busing). Healthy schools grant money is being used under the Student Well-Being initiative such as bringing in guest speakers to provide greater diverse experiences for our students.
- d) **Other** - all students received a Metro bus pass as a pilot program. Students will have a pass to use Metro transit for a year starting in January. This will also support the ability for staff to take a small group of students on trips.

Next Meeting - January 31, 2023