

**Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council
November 15, 2022**

In attendance - Scott Wadden, Adele, Poirier, Kelly Ing, Denise Chiasson, Therese Boudreau-MacKinnon, Alex Thoney, Cindy O'Handley, Tyrone Richards, Charmaine Willis, Michelle Doolan, Margie Pike, Karen Mills

1. **Attendance and approval of previous minutes** - approved by Denise Chiasson and Tyrone Richards
2. **Ellenvale SAC Bylaws Approval** - Scott had made one change to the bylaw under "Support Staff" there was an addition of the role of Support Worker. Denise will be by to sign off on this.
3. **Principal's Report** - See attachment
4. **Student Success Plan - Literacy, Math, and Student Well-Being:**
 - a) **Student Survey Data** - Staff will be looking over the student success data for our next PD and as a school we will see where we need to make improvements.
 - b) **Literacy Support Teacher** - Mike McLeod is working with the gr 7 students who did not meet expectations on the grade 6 RWM6 Assessments. His goal is to improve reading levels through very focused student groupings.
 - c) **Grade 8 Math Update** - Building Thinking Classrooms and Lessons Learned from Provincial Assessments. This allows students to investigate and discover math which should help with their abilities to analyze questions and be able to solve higher level problems. Kelly Ing did mention that she notices that in high school students are struggling with this type of thinking in math so she sees the value in this type of math learning.

5. New Business-

- a) **SAC Allocated Money** - \$5449.00 would buy 13 chromebooks which the school is in need of. The question was asked if students bring their own chromebooks from home. The school does not want students bringing their own chromebooks due to the possibility of damage as well as any issues with charging them. It was also suggested that maybe we hold on to some money for other things rather than spend it all on chromebooks. Any other suggestions can be sent to Scott at any time before the next meeting (Dec 13) as a decision will need to be made by then.

- b) **Modular Classroom Campus** - This will be ready for the 2023-24 school year and will contain 12 standard size classrooms. This will be built beside the school (garden side) and will be fully self contained, although there will be no gymnasium. It will be ready to start on May 1st and will be completed in the middle of August. It will be fully accessible and have universal bathrooms. This is a \$15million dollar project with \$9million for the structure, then other money will be used for new paving around the school, security and intercom systems will be upgraded, and possible improvements to the existing building. We do not know why we are getting this but as soon as Scott knows he will share with SAC.

Questions -

- Safety concerns - Scott is part of the planning and will ensure safety is priority one when the construction starts. He is also going to create a community group to ensure they are aware of the project and can support student safety.
- Who decides which students go where? - Scott does not know the purpose of the building yet and so no decisions on who will occupy this new space will be made until more information is shared. He may be told who goes where.
- Busing - Scott has requested that the buses stay on the school property for safety reasons as well as convenience to those who drop off and pick students up at the school, the street is usually lined with cars on both sides. A horseshoe area will be made for the buses.
- Scott has visited George P. Vanier which has the same structure to see what it looks like. He has another meeting in December with HRCE regarding this project but as of right now he is unsure of the agenda.
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- c) **School Rules and New Bells** - due to some frustrations that came from a staff meeting some new rules were put in place. Teachers have been frustrated with the abuse of cell phones, tardiness between classes, backpacks taking up so much classroom space, and students leaving the classroom for extended periods of time. The new rules put in place are to support a high level of learning in each classroom. Cell phones can only be used with teacher permission and only used for educational purposes. Backpacks will stay in the lockers so they aren't a safety issue for teachers/students moving around the classroom. The bell will ring at the end of each class then again 2 minutes later to indicate that the next class has started. This helps students realize when they are late for a class. Students are not as late now with this change. There is also a class traveling register where students leaving the classroom are recorded. This has limited the unnecessary movement in the hallways and reduced the number of students out of classes. It was brought up that in high school there are no rules for cell phones so maybe students need to learn to monitor their cell phones.

- d) **Other**- nothing at this time

Meeting Adjourned - 4:57