

Ellenvale Junior High

School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Oct.26th, 2015

In attendance: (11)

Belinda Oxner (SAC Chair), Jeff Lewis (Principal), Jeff Carruthers (Vice-Principal), Michelle Doolan (teacher), Julia Cottingham (School staff), Donna Gallant (SAC Member), Sher Skeard (SAC Member), Cole Ogilvie (student), Abby Oxner (student), Rachel Cartier (student), Anna Abi Doud (student)

Welcome and Introductions

- New members: Cole Olgivie, Anna Abi Doud, Maggie Zinck (Grade 7)

Approval of Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes - Sept. 28th, Approved.

Current and Upcoming Events at Ellenvale

- **Grade 7 Team Building**
Planned for Hatfield Farms Oct.29th, difficulty negotiating a price with them this year
Wanted to charge us almost triple from last year, charging extra time to do the team building activities in their fields
With a shorter day we can use Stock which is cheaper for busses than Coach Atlantic Group
Students will participate in activities on site at Hatfield Farms and then participate in Team Building Activities the next day during the morning on the soccer field.
There will be six groups, mixed FI and English program students.
- **Video Cameras**
Being Installed last Friday and Monday.
Outside monitors will be installed outside in the upcoming week.
Connected to a video surveillance system that can be accessed on administrations computers.
Question: Do we need to post signage that the premises are being monitored by video?
School has put in request with HRM to have some brush and trees removed to clear the line of sight to the basketball court area.
- **EPG (Ellenvale Projects Group Update)**
Biweekly Spirit Day activities are taking place.
Staff Appreciation Dinner has been organized.
Team Building Activity for Sevens will take place end of October.
- **Technology**

- Cart has arrived
- Will receive 30 Chrome Books.
- Updated School webpage: elj.hrsb.ca
- Will go live after a few more modifications to the site.
- 5 new VOIP phones added. (Gym x2, Resource, Breakfast Program, 1st Floor Office)
- Question: Does Ellenvale come up when 911 is called with VOIP Phones?
- Thirty students, 5 teachers and Resource and Learning Centre Teachers have all been trained on Kurzweil, an assistive program for writing

Community Report

- Provincially our math scores are low
- As a school our scores are good, better than HRSB average
- Are looking at steps by which we will be making to improve our results.

CSI Report

- Strategies that are being used such as Daily Reading Conferences and conferencing in math class
- PLC groups are arranged in vertical groupings, (Eg. 7,8,9 English Math and Science Teachers) are having discussions about implementation of strategies and assessing students comprehension
- Change in Name again, was PFI currently CSI now will be known as SSP (Student Success Planning)
- Student Representatives spoke about how students are behaving and how some kids are not taking their work seriously, also that students are not taking their concerns to the adults because of a lack of trust
- Administration encouraged representatives to come to admin to share concerns, its only once information is shared can we act on it, encouraged students to advocate for themselves.

Boundary Review Policy

- Asked to read through
- Will be on agenda for November.
- May change 9-12 at highschool level. Like Dartmouth High is currently.

Photography

- One year contract for class photos and grad photos with Adams photography

SAC PD

- Questions and activities, what do we do, Q1-10, will do next meeting

Hockey Coach

- 3 community coaches found, Sean Richardson, Gord Gamble and Dwayne Anderson
- Mr. Carruthers will be liaison

SAC Dates:

- Oct.26th
- Nov.23rd
- Dec.-none
- Jan.25th
- Feb.22nd
- March-none
- April 25th
- May 16th

Other Business