

# **Ellenvale Junior High**

## **School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Sept. 28th, 2015**

#### **In attendance: (11)**

Belinda Oxner (SAC Chair), Jeff Lewis (Principal), Jeff Carruthers (Vice-Principal), Cindy O'Handley (teacher), Julia Cottingham (School staff), Kevin Colvey (SAC Member), Donna Gallant (SAC Member), Sher Skeard (SAC Member), Abby Oxner (student), Rachel Cartier (student),

Parents/Community Members: Anneka Janes

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Thanks to new office assistant Julia Cottingham for all her hard work getting the school up and running
- Thanks to Anneka Janes for supporting our students through her Library programs
- Last year she proposed a grant and was successful in getting a couple thousand dollars to run her afterschool program, hopefully the grant will be obtained this year as well.
- Mr. Lewis reached out to former SAC members, Dr. Figueroa and Kim Hermanson to see if they wanted to continue in their roles on SAC, Dr. Figueroa resigned and Kim Hermanson felt her term ended and she was stepping back.
- Thanks to Kevin Colvey for organizing the Ellenvale Special Projects Group
- Mr. Colvey requested an extension to his term that was supposed to end in 2016, it was approved that it be extended for an extra year.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

#### **Approval of Minutes- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

#### **Current and Upcoming Events at Ellenvale**

- **Grade 7 Team Building**  
Looking to have team building event for Grade 7's at either Hatfield Farms or in the Valley, apple picking  
Successful event last year at Hatfield Farms  
Have to work on the logistics of transporting 150 students and having enough chaperones to have the event.  
Mr. Carruthers to organize and meet with teachers to support the activity
- **October 29<sup>th</sup> Dance**  
Being done as a band fundraiser, Mr. Fraser to organize, DJ booked, discussions to whether it would be costume party or retro night, TBD
- **Hypnotist**  
Looking to book a hypnotist as a fundraiser for the school, an afternoon show for students and an evening show for the community.

- **Micro-Musical**

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Francis are looking to have a micro musical with support from Perform NS, a proposal has been submitted to seek their support Aiming for an April production, discussion about whether or not it is just one Grade level involved or opening it up to the whole student population. There'd be an afternoon and evening performance, and perhaps shows at the local feeder schools.

- **Basketball Uniforms**

The boys and girls basketball teams are in need of new uniforms, they are the oldest sets of jerseys in the school. Through community donations there is money to get them Three team member from Grade 9 for both boys and girls have been brought in to consult on uniform design.

- **Technology**

Discussion amongst staff as to how to spend additional money to add to technology in the school, iPad vs. Chrome books. Receiving a cart of chrome books with grade 9 IEIE Technology Rollout.

### **Ministers Action Plan, Homework Policy and Code of Conduct**

- Belinda to send to SAC
- Posted on school webpage and was sent out in the summer by Mr.Lewis

### **Video Camera Update**

- Quote of \$10 000
- \$9 000 raised
- Just waiting on details from supplier

### **Photography Contract**

- Contract expired last year
- Decided to go another year with Paul Adams, extended a year
- We need 3 independent quotes
- Belinda and Sher have experience with proposals having done it at Brookhouse
- Create a subcommittee to meet in new year
- Put it as an agenda item for November meeting for January

### **Discipline Committee**

- Junior High, few instances, 3-4 last year
- Only meets if a suspension is being disputed or school seeks suspension beyond five days
- Made up of non-hrsb employees

### **Electrical Upgrades**

- There have been lots of projects here at the school, gym ventilation upgrade, dust collector for tech ed., natural gas conversion, etc.
- New lights and energy upgrades
- Improved heating and control system

### **Ellenvale Projects Group**

- Will meet Oct.7<sup>th</sup>
- Parent and teacher representatives for each grade level
- Kevin Colvey to provide oversight

### **Hockey Coach**

- Kevin Bonang is stepping down after 11 years
- Information communicated out to the community that the school is looking for a coach and expression of interests can be forwarded to Mr. Lewis

### **SAC Dates:**

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

### **Other Business**

#### **New Message System**

- Several messages sent on one day
- Some homes report not having received the email.

- Mr.Lewis talked to HRSB about issues
- Alert solutions is the new provincial platform being used by all schools
- Parents who are not receiving messages are to contact Mr. Lewis

**SAC Positions**

Chair - Belinda Oxner

Other - Sher Skeard

Secretary - Jeff Carruthers