

Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 22nd, 2016

Attendance (13)

Donna Gallant, Maggie Zinck, Belinda Oxner, Jeff Lewis, Jeff Carruthers, Cindy O'Handley, Sher Skeard, Julia Cottingham, Michelle Doolan, Anna Abi-Doud, Kevin Colvey, Anneka Janes, Rachel Cartier

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 23rd and January 25th, Approved

2. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved

3. **Policy Consultations**

a) recruitment

b) school site selection

Feedback from SAC and Belinda will be shared with Jeff L. and then sent back to board.

4. **Code of Conduct Review**

Discussion: There's a community misconception about how Ellenvale Junior High administers and implements the code of conduct.

Anneka Janes brought forth that her staff need to understand how we do things, they are seeing students who have earned an out of school suspension coming to the library and they are fielding comments and questions from library patrons. Jeff Lewis has offered to go and discuss Code of Conduct with the Library Staff.

5. **Ann Veral ArtSmart Project**

Students are working with Anne Veral on a short film on "Intersectionality".

They have had their first brainstorming session and will continue to work with her on developing the idea for the short film. There are about 20 students involved.

Looking for a June completion and the completed work will be on display at the AGNS and displayed on our website.

6. **Ellenvale Projects Group**

Involved in a lot of projects at the school: BINGO Night, Romeo and Juliet, Gift Card Basket Prince Andrew allowed us to advertise BINGO Night at their school, also newsletters, announcements, our website and social media will be used to advertise the event.

April: Will focus on year end events and garden grant which Amy Spurway will complete by end of March.

Concern raised about International Fair happening the night before BINGO Night, 2 nights in a row might be too much.

Gym has been booked and groups had to be rescheduled for the 30th.

Both gift card baskets will be drawn BINGO Night.

Money raised will be used for year end activities.

7. Photography Contract.

A subcommittee will be formed in April with invitations to go out to school community

8. Teaching Standards Consultation

Belinda was one of the few SAC chairs to attend.

EECD discussed:

- the three pillars of Education
- standards for the province
- movement to a merit based approach
- methodology of how we came to be where we are
- research around the topic
- consultation about the layout and semantics of the merit based approach
- Mi'kmaq and AFNS communities involve in consultation
- Standards
 1. Know how to engage all learners, address each students background and needs
 2. Pedagogy- Instruction that works, in depth knowledge to provide quality learning experiences
 3. Appropriate use of assessment for learning and reporting.
 4. Inclusive Learning Environments.
 5. Strategic Professional Learning
 6. Professional Conduct- ethical and legal obligations

9. Discipline Committee

Kevin Colvey nominated and accepted to be chair.

10. All other business

- Girls Basketball team involved in a tournament at St. Agnes in memory of Steve Scott, a teacher of theirs that passed away at the beginning of the school year.
- Question by Donna Gallant about high absenteeism for teachers and whether the board tracks that? Concerns about disruption to learning for students. Teachers can be involved in ongoing professional development, along with their union allowed reasons; sick days, family illness, etc.. Prolonged absences require medical notes and HR does monitor to some degree. Feeling that it does need to be addressed on some level.
- A Grade 9 Planning Report was created following the survey conducted with Grade 9's about possible year end activities. Harbour Cruise/Dance and an overnight trip staying at Acadia and taking in some local attractions were at the top of the list. Buses would transport students and guests to and from the harbor cruise.
- There will be a Hail and farewell dance for all students plus incoming Grade 6's end of May start of June.
- Next meeting, April 25th.

