

Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2016

Attendance (11)

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

Absent(2)

Kevin Colvey, Kiernan Creed

1. Approval of Minutes: Yes

2. Approval of Agenda. Yes

3. RFP Posted

- Closed last Tuesday
- 7 companies responded
- Need to evaluate what's best for us
- Next Meeting with community; May 25th, Wednesday

4. Fallout

- Performance by Eastern Front Theatre
- "great, amazing"
- Q period at the end with the Cyberscan staff member, could've been more questions
- Need to make connections for kids, follow up with them to let them know where they need to turn, Kids Help Phone, etc.
- Suggestion: Creation of a mental health board with resources and contacts for the various support groups.

5. Culturally Relevant Pedagogy PD

- 3 Days of PD for all permanent staff members
- WE followed up our first day with whole staff on may 13th PD day
- Diversity Coordinator and Superintendent here on Wednesday to do a walk through
- It's part of a board wide plan in response to groups of students who haven't been achieving well.
- Focus on knowing your students and being cultural bridgebuilders
- To not try and bend the students to our own view of how things should

6. Upcoming Events

- Fort MacMurray – fundraising (hat day, team jersey day, retro day, etc.)
- Romeo and Juliet – micro-musical
- Destinee MacNamara and Family- Fundraising, account at TD, Donations of cash and gift cards at Awards of Excellence
- Awards of Excellence- Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Band Trip 8/9 – New Brunswick
- Spirit Week

- Acadia Trip for 9's – Overnighter and Day Trip
- Hail and Farewell Dance – June 2
- Harbour Cruise and Dance- June 9th
- 7/8 Combined Trip – Atlantic Playland
- Grade 6 Parent Orientation Night – June 1st
- Suggestion of a PowerSchool Session for parents in the Fall, students as well
- Free Mental Health Session at the library, Anneka to send information.
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- **Any Other Business**

- Q about money for people who cannot afford year end activities.
- Concerns about violence in the community and how it was impacting students
- Next Meeting, June 6th