

Ellenvale Junior High
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2016

Attendance (13)

Belinda Oxner, Keeley Brost, Nadine Grimm, Jeff Lewis, Jeff Carruthers, Cindy O'Handley, Julia Cottingham, Michelle Doolan, Sher Skeard, Anneka Janes, Abby Oxner, Maggie Zinck, Anna Abi-Doud,

Absent (2)

Kevin Colvey, Donna Gallant

1. Approval of Agenda: Yes

2. Introductions: All present introduced themselves.

3. Review of Responsibilities, Discipline Committee and Executive

- Reminder that when documents are being reviewed by SAC members , not to share those documents with anyone else
- Discussion about SAC role to be a voice for parent/community concerns for students and advises school on what priorities should be.
- Discussion about role of Discipline Committee and their authority to uphold or overturn suspensions, usually made up of the parent and community members
- Kevin Colvey will act as the Discipline Chair
- No other members were interested in joining the committee
- Proposed by Mr. Lewis that Belinda will continue on in role of SAC Chair. Everyone was in agreement.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2016

- Mr. Carruthers to share with SAC for approval.
- Need to update SAC webpage with most recent minutes

5. Set Meeting Dates for 2016-17 School Year

- October 24th
- November 28th
- January 23rd
- February 27th
- April 24th
- May/June - TBD

6. Staffing Update from Administration

- The majority of teams have changed with the exception of the Grade 7 French Immersion team. (Mme Attig and Mme. Cameron)
- Grade 7 English Program Team has changed, Gwendy Sinclair is moving from Grade 9 to Grade 7 with a new staff member, Crystal Patterson who will teach Math, Science and Healthy Living
- The Grade 8 French Immersion Team will consist of Mr. d'Entremont again along with Mme. Leslie a new staff member. Mme Conde-MacDonald teachers one section of the Grade 8 FI Science
- The Grade 8 English team will consist of Mr. Leveck along with a new staff member Eileen Shortt who teaches ELA and Social Studies.
- The Grade 9 FLA team consists of Mrs. Boudreau-MacKinnon who is out on leave right now until the end of October, she is replaced by one of our regular subs, Jennifer Crewe. Mme. Conde-MacDonald is the new math and science teacher with the team.
- Grade 9 English Team is all new, Mrs. Bailleul-Harvey is teaching Math and Core French, and Mrs. Lingley is teaching ELA and Social Studies.
- Other new staff: Matt Klasz, Grade 8 and 9 Science and Healthy Living. (Taught long term sub position last year in Grade 9), Vanessa Mignault, Music and Grade 7 Core French, Chris Melanson EPA 100%, Harriett Mercer, EPA 50% and lunch monitoring duties, African Nova Scotia Support Worker, Damon Cole 50%, M-Wednesday at lunch.

7. Review Emergency Management Plan for 2016-2017

- Schools now have to report Firedrills, LockDowns and Hold and Secures online following a specific timeline
- Schools are involved in Hazard ID a couple of times a year.
- Review of our Relocation drill, our relocation site is currently Brookhouse but are looking at adding Woodlawn United Church to our list as well.
- Question about Safe Harbour Room not having fireproof blankets between the rooms? Jeff L. to investigate with Operations.

8. Feedback to HRSB on Student Transportation Policy- Review Due Oct.31,2016

- Belinda to post on Google Docs for review by SAC members

9. Topics to Cover Over the Year

- Review of Prince Andrew Family of Schools
- Mental Health Concerns for our Students
- Library is hosting a health series, Better Sleep, Mental health, etc. for Youth.
- How to Access our Health Nurse
- Hosting information Sessions for Parents: Possibility that Dan Legasse Seguin (MSVU) can lead a session on "How to get kids to listen? Listen so Kids will Talk."

10. Any Other Business.

- Lighting in staff parking lot is inadequate.
- Recently hired an African Nova Scotian Support worker, here 50% Monday until Wednesday at lunch and then they'll be at Brookhouse the other 50%, Damon Cole was hired by HR.
- New staff and some returning staff who missed it last year will be involved in Culturally Relevant Training
- Noted: Positive start to the year by the community, staff wearing Ellenvale T-shirts on the first day, Friday Fun Songs, Random Acts of Kindness recognition, Trips planned, etc.

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