

**Eric Graves Memorial Junior High
Student Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2024**

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

Members Present: H. McKay, J. Ross, D. Taylor, B Parsons, E. Hendry, J. Bruce, E. Jay, D. MacDougall, D. Rowlings, K. King, H. Hovey, A. Constable

Absent: N/A

Principals Report:

- **Meeting Minutes Review:** Meeting minutes from April 16th were reviewed. H. McKay moved to approve and H. Hovey 2nd.

- **School Configuration:**
 - 171 Students
 - 7 Homerooms
 - 14 Classroom teachers

- **School Culture:**
 - The school provided every student with an EGMJH Tigers t-shirt and we have Tiger T-Shirt Tuesdays. The first week we provided a pizza party for the class with the highest number of t-shirts worn. The two runner up classes were provided cookies.
 - Student-of-the-Month Assemblies: We plan to continue with our SOTM assemblies where we recognize students for their citizenship and hard work in school. We will also have other school wide recognition events.

- **Cell Phone Policy:**
 - H. McKay shared our updated cell phone policy
 - Reported that we have only had 3 cell phones brought to the office within the first week.

- **Student Trips:**
 - **Grade 9 Trip:** Grade 9 students are going to Brigadoon on October 9th - 11th
 - **Grade 7 & 8 Trip:** We are in the process of planning a trip to Tim Horton's Camp for grades 7 and 8 on November 21st and 22nd. We will be in need of 11 or 12 chaperones.
- **Student Support Plan**
 - We are currently looking at the 2023-24 Student Success Survey to help shape our well-being goals for this school year.
 - Math: We will work to improve student achievement in mathematics, with a specific focus on students of African and Mi'kmaw ancestry.
 - Literacy: We will work to improve student achievement in literacy, with a specific focus on students of African and Mi'kmaw ancestry.
- **Food Initiatives**
 - Fresh Food Cart - HRCE is partnering with the Department of Agriculture to hopefully implement a hot lunch & salad bar option two days a week beginning in November for 18 weeks.
- **SAC Funds**
 - There is \$7000.00 in our SAC account. This does not include the money we will receive this year (\$5000 + \$1 for every student)
 - We requested to spend approximately \$2500 to purchase alternate options for classrooms (i.e. standing desks, bouncy bands, etc.).
 - H. McKay to send out guidelines for spending SAC money
- **SAC Provincial Conference**
 - Full day on Friday, September 27th
- **Future SAC Meeting Dates**
 - The following meeting dates were agreed upon (Tuesdays at 5:30PM)
 - October 22
 - November 26
 - January 21
 - February 25
 - April 22
 - June 3

New Business:

- **Paved Area (back of building facing field):**
 - Members brought up the condition of the paved area at the rear of the building because it is in very rough condition and could be considered a safety issue
 - It was suggested that we reach out to the community to see if anyone has connections to a paving company

Future Meeting Date: October 22nd, 2024 @ 5:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20PM

Minutes prepared by: Jill Ross