

**Eric Graves Memorial Junior High  
Student Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes  
January 21st, 2025**

**Meeting Time:** 5:30PM

**Members Present:** D. MacDougall, J. Ross, E. Jay, S. Jay, D. Rowlings, D. Taylor, B. Parsons, J. Bruce

**Absent:** H. Mckay, A. Constable, E. Hendry

**Standing Business:**

- Paved Area (back of building facing field)
  - HRCE Operations Manager said there was too much rain for it to be worked on December 5th.
  - His latest update: contractor has put a camera into the storm drain at rear of school where pavement has sagged and found no break in the existing pipe. However, it did show the pipe does have debris slowing water removal from the catch basin. Contractor will be returning to Eric Graves after school hours to vacuum 4 catch basins around the school to remove debris. At this time paving the area where sag is located between rear catch basins is on hold until paving plants reopen in early spring.

**Principal's Report:**

**SAC Funds**

- SAC Money is currently at \$7326.62
  - Grant was \$5170 plus we had \$6546.45 leftover from last year.
  - Expenses to date were \$4389.83 (\$2665.12 school clothing & \$1724.71 tables for school events.
- Request to Spend SAC Funds
  - The Acting Principal and VP requested that we spend \$800 of the SAC funds to pay for a guest presenter to kick off the 2025 African Heritage Month. The presenter is MAJE - MAJE will present ideas about African Nova Scotian identity through music, spoken word and story-telling. The presentation will directly engage students in dialogue through music.
  - After reviewing the information provided by MAJE about his presentation, the SAC members voted in favour of paying for him to present at EG.
- Fire Marshall's Directives
  - Teachers & staff are being asked to do an audit of their classrooms based on the fire marshall's directives. We are unable to have small appliances (coffee makers, fridges, kettles, etc.) in classrooms.
  - We have been asked to remove all furniture, fabric items (i.e.flags), lamps, and decorative lighting that does not meet fire regulations.
  - Classroom walls cannot be more than 20% covered in flammable materials (this is the equivalent of one wall.
  - Teachers are in the process of reorganizing their spaces in order to meet these guidelines. These must be completed before January 31st, 2025.

## **SSP**

- **Mental Health and Well-being**
  - Our spirit week from December 16th-20th was a lot of fun! We had theme days each day of the week. On Thursday afternoon we held our Student of the Month assembly with Reindeer games. On Friday, we used our new tables and had a whole school pancake breakfast in the morning followed by a whole school BINGO game. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the week; especially that last day!
  - Fresh Food Cart - Students are loving this addition on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We recently found out that this will continue for the remainder of the year. They have introduced one new recipe (Meatballs) which many students said were delicious. The organizers of the FFC are considering new recipes and plan to take suggestions from students to assist their planning.
  - Ms. Mosher has arranged field trips to the Rocky Lake Art Lab for every homeroom class. The grade 9's did glass art while the 7's and 8's will work with clay. The buses are paid for by HRCE. The teacher at the art lab was so impressed with the manners and behaviour of our grade 9 students that she said she is going to try to invite them back if she can fit it into the schedule!
  - Ms. Constable has arranged grade level field trips to the Oval for March.
  - Mr. White is in the early stages of organizing a boys mentoring program where our grade 9 boys will invite other boys in at lunch to participate in organized activities.
  - We have received a Health Promoting Schools grant of \$850 which we would like to put toward a health and wellness day, in the Spring, for students.

## **Sports**

- Both boys and girls are undefeated in Basketball so far! We are very happy to have a girls' basketball team for the first time in over 5 years.
- Craig Hynes (community volunteer) continues to tirelessly work with our students in all areas of sports. He also is a lunch monitor every day. We recognized him at our student of the month assembly in December with a gift card.

## **Future SAC Meeting Dates**

The following meeting dates were agreed upon (Tuesdays at 5:30PM)

- February 25
- April 22
- June 3