

**Eric Graves Memorial Junior High
Student Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2023**

Meeting Time: 6:00PM

Members Present: J. MacDonald, Jennifer Barro-Ralph, J. Bruce, E. Jay, L. Matsell, M. Haverstock

Absent: J. Ross

Principals Report:

- **Cell Phone Policy:**

- Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Haverstock introduced the new cell phone policy as outlined below:

While we recognize the value of cell phones, we are also very much aware of the downfalls, such as, distraction from learning, taking unsolicited photos/video, playing games, and sending messages to students in other classes. Beginning on January 15th, the following cell phone policy will be put in place at EGMJH:

- *All students will be asked to leave their cell phones in their lockers; they will not be permitted to have them in class. If a student does not feel that their locker is a safe place, we have the ability to securely store their phone in the main office.*
 - *If a student is found using their phone in class, they will be asked to bring it to the office and it will be returned to them at the end of the school day. We will follow up with an email home.*
 - *A second infraction will result in the student turning their cell phone into the office first thing in the morning for the remainder of the week. The phone will be returned at the end of every day.*
 - *A third incident will result in a one day in-school suspension.*
 - *If you need to reach your child, please contact the main office and we will make sure the message is passed on.*
- The SAC members were in support of the policy. They asked if students were permitted to use music to help them concentrate and Mr. MacDonald said that we would supply wired earbuds for every student. He also explained that we

were ordering lock boxes for students' phones to go in when they are brought to the office.

- **SSP**
 - Math - we are making progress in math with only 3 students not meeting the outcomes
 - ELA - Mr. Haverstock discussed the strategies he is using in ELA to support students in grade 7 & 8

- **Outdoor Flags:**
 - We have been told that the flags are lower on the priority list for our maintenance department so we are looking into other options to have them hung above the front door of our school.

- **Murals:**
 - Ms. MacDonald, our resource teacher, has been busy filling out grants for the purpose of rebranding some of the murals in our school. We would like to have several of the current murals changed to be more culturally relevant. We would also like to have a visually appealing welcome sign painted outside the main entrance.

Future Meeting Date: February 27th, 2024 at 6PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00PM

Minutes prepared by: Joe MacDonald