

To our school community,

Brookhouse Elementary School Advisory council met Wednesday evening specifically to discuss the sudden and unexpected announcement by HRCE to move current Grade 5 students to new modular classrooms at Ellenvale Junior High School in September.

SAC members are parents, teachers, administration and community members. We have felt, heard, and share your frustration and concerns regarding this unexpected change.

We discussed possible actions that we as an SAC could take, and consensus was that our best course of action is to ensure that all possible steps are taken to ensure that your concerns are addressed to ensure the smoothest possible transition for our students, in the most positive and inclusive way. This includes keeping you as informed as possible.

Some key areas of concern that we have identified and are seeking more information about:

- Transportation
- Excel
- Bell times
- Recess
- Lunch supervision
- Integration with the rest of the school
- Extra supports at Ellenvale specifically for the incoming Grade 6s
- Access to data relating to the success of this transition at other schools
- Evidence to support students will achieve in this new model
- Parent meeting(s)

Many of these issues will be addressed in one of two ways:

- A parent meeting for incoming students at Ellenvale to be scheduled in June when the modular classrooms will be closer to completion.
- Updates on the Brookhouse school website as answers become available.

How comfortable students feel in this transition can be influenced by how comfortable parents, guardians and caregivers are with the transition plan. We hope to ease some of your concerns by providing you as much information as possible, in as timely a manner as we can.

D'Arcy Morris-Poultney (Chair)

Brookhouse School Advisory Council

