

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS Minutes

School Council Meeting

February 25, 2016

Attendance:

Regrets:

Chair: J. Lum

1. Welcome/Introductions/Regrets
2. Relay for Life
 - Students presented information about the Relay for Life
 - Event to raise funds for Cancer
 - Includes a luminary ceremony in remembrance of lives lost to cancer
 - It is an 8 hour event on the track at the rear of the school
 - A link will be posted on the student council website for students to register
 - Event will unite all students in support of a common cause
 - There will be a “virtual assembly “ (assembly broadcasted into homeroom) on the first day back to classes after the March break
 - This is a community event and our entire community will be invited to participate
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3. Student Council update

Christine Ma (student rep) updated events that happened and the events that are happening in upcoming weeks:

- Bands will be participating in the OBA and Kiwanis music competitions
- Loonie drive to raise funds for Alheimers
- Red Cross fundraiser
- Spirit Day events for Valentines Day
- HOSA Competition
- Ultimate Frisbee to competition on March 3
- Art Night March 7

Student council updates.

Student Council are hosting Town Halls, open meetings for all students to share information and concerns. Clubs can use the meetings to create awareness and promote events.

In January, SAC discussed changes to club funding

SAC will be attending SPARK Conference on May 24 at Wonderland. They are taking applications for students to attend. The conference features leadership workshops and costs \$55.00. Application deadline March 8.

4. Minutes of last school council meeting reviewed.

5. Report from Stakeholders I

Staff – John Shep

- Fourteen students have qualified for the DECA International conference in Nashville
- Sr. Boys' Basketball have advanced to the semifinals
- Varsity Girls' Volleyball finished 3rd overall for the season
- Spring sports begin after the March break
- Wellness opportunity during exams. John shared stats related to wellness and activities. Daily events will occur during the exams including weight room, sports, therapy dog and breakfast. A "stress box" that includes stress relieving items will be distributed to every classroom.
- Breakfast Program – The breakfast program will be expanded. Room 104 will participate in culinary skills and safe foods training. Volunteers are always welcome
- OSSLT breakfast – Breakfast will be supplied to all students writing the OSSLT on March 31. Breakfast will be available from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. John requested volunteers for baking and serving

6. School Data Dialogue

- School data is collected every 5 years from students, parents and staff
- The data included 156 questions covering 7 categories
- Staff and students have reviewed and analyzed data
- Data was distributed to parents and they broke into groups to review and discuss
- After reviewing the following was shared
- Math
 - We need to help our students develop a growth mindset about math.
 - We should make students feel math is relative
- Technology
 - Males use technology less than females
 - Students have embraced technology
- Safety
 - Students feel safer than the Board average
 - Students are not aware of "Report It" on the Board website
- Learning Environment
 - Students enjoy schools
 - Parents were surprised that boys enjoy it more than girls
- Transitions
 - 95% of students want to graduate
 - 1 out of 3 don't know about pathways
 - There is a need to engage kids in learning. Teachers can make a difference
 - More dialogue needs to occur between parents and teachers
 - How do we engage in an open dialogue at parents night? (time restraint)
 - What is the best way parents would like to receive feedback
 - How do we develop a culture of trust between parents, students and teachers
- Equity
 - Noted that students feel the rules for boys and girls are the same
 - Only 75% of students feel they are getting the support they need

7. Stakeholders II

Debbie Linkewich

- Parents asked about French Immersion Summer School courses. Debbie has requested they be offered but Con Ed is not offering. Debbie to share the Council's request with our Superintendent

8. New Business

Motion to adjourn meeting by. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: THURS. APRIL 28, 7 pm – TOPIC – GUEST SPEAKER