

Parents Council meeting minutes – Jan. 19th 2017

- Student council chair announced events for February including guest speakers to address “ism”s to increase knowledge of students about various “ism”
- School principal introduced the four main division of enrichment program at PETH:
 - Speciality high skill major program
 - Co-operative education program
 - Dual credit
 - Advanced placement programs
- **Speciality high skill major programs** : Student reps on enrichment programs explained Speciality high skill major programs in further details. The main categories of Speciality high skill major programs at PETH include:
 - Art and Culture
 - Business
 - Health and Science
 - Manufacturing and Engineering
 - Student reps played a video to explain the benefits of SHSM and shared their experience and insight on their placement within the SHSM on the categories mentioned above.
 - Student reps presented SHSM pathways for each category to certain careers and the course requirements for each category.
 - School Principal and students answered audiences’ questions on the SHSM program.
- **Co-operative education program** : Ms. Leong explained Co-operative education program, the benefits of the program and how school facilitates and manages the co-op student selection, placements and using feedback from students and workplace to improve the program. She also explained a typical schedule of students when they choose to go on a co-op program i.e. 70% of the time at work and 30% in school. She also provided examples of students experience and feedback from students who participated in the program. School principal explained the student selection process, the fact that students need to select co-op in their course selection to be able to be considered for co-op and program capacity in further detail.
- **Dual credit program** : Ms. McDonald explained Dual credit program that is providing the option of taking college-level courses for free that can count as a high school course credit as well as college course credit. She mentioned about the partner colleges that participate in the program. Ms. McDonald also explained where to apply for this program. Guidance counsellor mentioned who should be taking dual credit and the application process. Guidance counsellor explained a typical student course schedule to have a successful dual credit course.

- **Advanced placement programs:** Guidance counsellor introduced available AP courses at PETH . She explained the benefits of AP and potential candidates to take AP courses i.e students that are performing well on the regular programs and would like more challenge. AP courses are free, however; there is a fee involved for AP exams. Ms. McDonald mentioned about how different Universities accept AP courses as credit for their respective programs. She presented myths and realities of taking AP courses. She also mentioned about how to prepare students to take an AP course. There are no requirements to take AP courses. At the end, she mentioned about how to register for AP course.
- Robert ?? introduced upcoming events:
 - Career night is going to be on Feb. 23rd. Volunteers are welcome.
 - On March 2nd a guest speaker is going to speak about the transition of students from elementary schools to high school and how to prepare them.
 - On April 6th a guest speaker will be presenting “Future Jobs” and how to prepare students for these jobs
- School principal introduced the following items:
 - Student Exchange with France for 10 days in April- the limit is 15 students
 - Pending ministry approval, the manufacturing and engineering is going to be part of SHSM program - community link volunteers are welcome to promote this program once approved
 - Information on the transition of students to new French Immersion school in Cornell will be available in next open house
 - Potential for summer school for a pilot French Immersion History Course
- Vice principals presented the following items:
 - School Open House Day on ??
 - Wellness day on ??

