

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS
Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2015

Attendance: D. Linkewich, P. Viscomi, D. Imada-Chan, J. Shep, M. Muller

Regrets: P. Simmons, R.Malhotra

Chair: J. Lum

Minutes taken by M. Liao

Welcome/Introductions

Agenda and Minutes distributed

Presentation by Modern Languages Department - Language Learning and Opportunities at Trudeau

J. D'Angelo , E. Seni, K.Stevenson & A. Rajah

What learning and growing is about.

Re-evaluate french electives offered at Trudeau

1. What is French like at Trudeau - video by students
2. Advantages to staying in languages
3. International exchanges & trips (watch for info sessions to follow for interested participants and parents)
4. Programs: French Immersion, Core French, Open French
5. Changes in how languages are taught:
 - More emphasis on speaking including marks for oral participation in class, debates, interactive topics;
 - Literacy based: more vocabulary, listen and responding, decoding written articles to help students in writing;
 - From passive acquisition to active interaction;
 - Less of a focus on grammar specifically;
6. French Immersion Program potential new electives to be offered in Gr. 11 and 12 mainly - survey done with students, shortlist of courses to be offered in future years
7. Potential to offer Mandarin if there is interest as this has been done successfully at other schools
8. Feedback to Moderns dept is welcomed

Student Council Update - Christine Ma

1) Past events - Trudeaumania Oct 2

(handout to be posted with minutes)

2) Trudeau Story (TrudeauSAC on youtube)

John Shep and Ms Margaret Mueller

1) J. Shep

Breakfast program running well.

Thank you to parents for the new volunteers.

YRAA - Oct 20

Parent Interview next week Oct 22nd

2) M. Muller - Head of ESL - 25 parents at Parent Network night tonight

Suggestion: Mandarin as a second language, Partner school in Sizhuan sent out exchange invitation.

J. Lum clarifies how Parent teacher interview is set up - 5 minute interviews. Children will come back with sign-up sheet. If you don't sign up, you can still show up on the night of and check if teachers have any available times.

D. Linkewich report:

1. Summary of Feedback re: Area of Interests from Sept 2015 Meeting (Handout will be posted with minutes)

2. Future parent council meetings:

- topic will be Technology and Teens for November meeting;

- course selection is January 14th, special programs (AP programs, coop program, SHSM) will be speaker topic at Jan meeting

3.. Other areas of interest: Post-secondary career planning, stress management, adolescence issues

4. Pro Grant: continuing theme of “ From Student Well Being to Life Long Success”

- Stress and mental health focus will continue for Pro-Grant this year

- Committee volunteers needed and meetings to be scheduled.

5.. School Plan update: no access to shop, delay for 6 weeks.

6.. Enrolment update: 1986 students.

7. Handout and available on YRDSB website: Director's report to the community

P. Viscomi:

1. Health and Safety: site inspection report this week (no major findings). CUPE inspection next week. 21 days to act if any findings
2. Interim student report: Next Monday through homeroom. Not numeric mark, just levels
3. OSSLT (Literacy test) results: individual reports distributed last week. School results will be reviewed and will be shared.
4. Ontario College Fair: Oct 19 & Oct 20 Exhibition Centre. www.ocif.ca
5. J. Shep comment: 50-75% of College students now have University degrees and J. Lum comment there are more programs that are shared College and University programs

D. Imada-Chan

1. Parent Interviews will be on Oct. 22, 6:30-8:30pm
2. Take your kids to work Nov 4: consent forms sent home already and are also on school website. Guidance dept put out follow-up activity, input in Careercruising; J. Lum comment to encourage the Gr. 9 parents to take their children to different departments that day
3. Open House Nov 19th for Grade 8: special presentation 6:30 - 7:00 for ESL and French Immersion; 7:00 - 8:30 for all
4. Wellness day - Nov 26th – sign up online end of Oct. – students will be advised . sign up on Google forms, Change date Nov 3rd. Permission due Nov 10th.

J.Lum

1. Meeting minutes reviewed.

J. Lum adjustment to minutes: moved the Gr. 9 section from P. Simmons to D. Imada-Chan

Motion to accept, seconded and passed to accept and post the minutes

2. Career fair/workshops proposed but need parent volunteers.

New Business:

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Tutoring options was asked? What are other parents doing? Recommendations?

- D. Linkewich advised school cannot provide recommendation or endorse companies but there is after school help and peer tutoring for some subjects
- How to get extra help? J. Lum suggests talking to the individual subject teachers as they do provide help and suggestions for each student

J. Lum : Microwaves - only 2 of 6 are working. Could school/council buy more?

- Commercial microwaves are very costly. Parent working at hospital provided feedback that they will still break as hospital she works at has tried both commercial and consumer models.. Can only be purchased from board approved vendors. Vote on whether to buy new microwaves was showed a majority supported that option. D. Linkewich will buy more microwaves for the cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.

Next Meeting : changed to Nov 12th not the 19th