

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

School Council Meeting, October, 16, 2013

Minutes

2013-2014 Co-Chairs: Julie Lum, Carline Young

In attendance:

Principal: D. Linkewich. V. P's P. Viscomi, G. Tsigaridis.

Staff: T. Harrison, J. Shep, A. Mulchand

Parents: J. Lum, C Young, R. Malhotra, J. Lam, G. L. L. Tong, M. Chen, N. Janmohamed, A. Mulchand, B. Tharmalingam, M. Qadir, K. Kwok, C. Niu, G. Xin, L. Zhou, C. Liang, A. Chiang, M. liao, A. Chan



WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/REGARDS

All present introduced themselves.

1. **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Jim Jamieson and Casey Daleman "Why is my Child Online all the time?"
 - Jim is the board's Digital Literacy Resource Teacher (DLRT), Casey is the school's Digital Literacy Teacher
 - 4C (Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creativity"- 21 Century Literacy Skills
 - Importance of Google Docs – parents had the chance to try a Google Document
 - School new Website
Demonstration and then council members also tried the Google docs and navigating website. Debbie Linkewich asked everyone for suggestions on improvements to website which will be considered by the administration.
2. **STUDENT REP-** Gary Li (Grade 11 student) was absent
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Minutes read by all in attendance
 - Motion, to approve Sep. 18, 2013 minutes, by Julie Lam
 - Seconded and vote was in favour *by Robert Malhotra (to be confirmed)*
 - Approved Minutes have been posted on the PETHS website.
 - Sandy Wong in the Office can post minutes once they are approved
4. **STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS**
 - A. **Staff**
Amrita Mulchand and John Shep shared recent school activities and event from the school staff
 - B. **Administration**
 - I. Debbie Linkewich
 - School Council Expectations and Goals**
 - Guest speaker every council meeting to get more parents to come
 - Since some parents disconnected with children, get information from school and other parents
 - ESL students can have opportunity study with Non-ESL student: ESL parents or new comer parents need more help or support
 - Check how school is running, how parents can learn from school council meeting
 - Keeping everything updated
 - How parents can support school community**
 - Come to school council meetings
 - Utilize parents' resource – from professional perspective
 - Bring another parent to come to next meeting

- Parents continue to help school
- Parents willing to be volunteers

TOKTW - Take our kids to work day - Nov. 6

- This is usually the parent taking their child to work.
- suggestions - Give child a tour of whole company and let students talk to parents' co-worker; bring a student (which is not your kid) to your workplace - Debbie Linkewich to ask the Board about this for next year.
- On this same day, Gr. 8 students from feeder schools will be coming to spend the day for Take our kids to high school day.

Community Involvement Forms - volunteer hours - clarification

- Fill form in advance and get the hours approved before students volunteer
- Can still submit volunteer hours that are not approved but these may not be approved if they do not follow the guidelines

II. George Tsigaridis

EQAO Literacy (Gr 10) and Math (Gr 9) Results and prep for this year

- School results are above board and provincial averages and improved from last year
- OSSLT was 95%
- EQAO Math - Academic - 98%, Applied - 59%
- For this year's tests, practise in 1st. And 2nd semester before Mar. Break
- After school literacy help is available for literacy and numeracy in grade 9 and 10 as well as for all English Language Learners
- After school program is extra tutoring for literacy and numeracy

Interim and Mid. Marks

- Students will receive interview form this Friday for interviews next week
- No marks were assigned, just Level 1-4
- Mid. Term will have report card Nov. 14

III. Pina Viscomi

Parent – Teacher Interview Night

- Thurs. Oct. 24 -forms to schedule interviews going home this week
- Julie Lum advised new parents to schedule the interviews before and not wait until that night. All interviews are 5 min.
- John Shep advised the Pirouette, school newsletter, would be handed out to parents asked for School council write-up. It will include what is going on at school. Next issue is in Mar/Apr.

Upcoming Events

- Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Birthday - October 18th
- Drama - Gr. 12 - student creation week - theatre work to be integrated into Jan. Mosaic. Sears competition is in February.
- Gr. 12 Business - First international business fair poster contest
- numerous extra curricular activities running
- Cricket team won York Region Championships vs Bill Crothers
- Many teams including the Cross country team have upcoming competitions

C. Parent and Community

- a. School Council Award- one student receives every year. This will be discussed at future meeting.
- b. School Council Form - Oct. 21 - Anyone who is interested can let Debbie Linkewich know.
- c. Parent Reaching Out Grant - Confirmed grant received. Julie Lum asked if Robert would chair this committee and anyone who is interested can let Robert know

5. NEW BUSINESS – will be discussed on Nov. 20th as it is 9:40 and meeting usually to finish by 9 pm

