

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS

Minutes

Parent Council Meeting November 12, 2015

Welcome/Introductions/Regrets

Attendance: staff: D. Linkewich, D. Imada-Chan, P. Viscomi, P. Simmons

Regrets: J. Shep

Chair: J. Lum

Special Presentation : Why is my child always on the computer?

Casey Daleman - Head of Science

- using technology to make learning more interactive and engaging for students
- student survey showing that there are on average 3 devices connected per student (phone, laptop, tablet)
- cannot really stop the students from their technology so incorporate it into their learning
- Old School: Copy ---- Memorize -----Write the test
- New School: Discover ----Understand ----Demonstrate

Google Apps for Education

- @gapps.yrdsb.ca
- Collaboration
- Teacher-Student feedback and teachers can see the revisions and who is updating
- Peer Revision - New this year - Google Classroom
- able to post individual assignments into separate accounts

TeachAssist

- Mark tracking
- Teacher-student-parent comm. (can be e-mailed to parents to show progress of students)
- Assessment Data Analysis

Explore Learning

Math and Science based

Khan Academy

Ted Ed/Ted Talks

Video Creation and Sharing

Kahoot! – Game – interactive on-line application that teachers can create quiz/review and students can play on their computers and phones – more engaging (Parent demo at meeting that parents played along on their phones.)

21st Century Lab (2) - utilizing ipads and Apple TV - teachers must apply to teach in that classroom

Increased use of Google classrooms

Student driven teaching

MEETING

1. Student Council Update: Christine Ma

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- Recent Events
- Student Council audits: 10 clubs audited, only 3 passed
- Haunted House debrief - more staff
- Dance –
- OSLC conference - Trudeau Story Chapter 3 (Best Use of conference theme)
 - o workshops, to share with fellow students

2. Minutes of October 2015 meeting passed

3. Staff Update: Margit Muller

- DECA - 2000 STUDENTS - 70 awards, 11 placed top, many attending prov.
- Geography - trip Feb 24 - 26, grade 9 students
- Cricket - champion in York Region
- Octagon Club - 30 boxes of food to food bank
- Mandarin for beginners planned to be included in course selection next year for next year
- Confirmed a student started Mandarin club

4. Administration Update

○ D. Linkewich

- Shop opening was delayed due to permit delay. As of 3pm today, students are ready to use the shop.
- 6 microwaves are ordered. 2 remaining that still work will be a backup
- Results of Student climate survey received (done every 5 years) Data will be reviewed. Will have student focus groups. Some questions could be compared from past data, some were new ones.

○ D. Imada-Chan

- Nov 19 - Grade 8 Open House
- Nov 26 - Wellness Day 36 activities this year
- Post Secondary trips
- Nov 24 - Information sheet specific to activity
- Feedback re: Bring your kids to work day

○ P. Simmons and P. Viscomi

- Report Card next Tuesday
- EQAO Results

- Grade 9 Math

- 30 students at the applied level participated
 - 21% they like math
 - 38% do not like math
 - 17% reported good at math
 - 42% reported not good at math

- 495 Academic

- 52% like Math
- 17% don't like Math
- 40% reported good at Math
- 20% reported not good at Math
- 57% of Applied above provincial std
- 96% of Academic above provincial std

- Overall Results

- 47% of our applied students are at or above the provincial standard (2014-2015)
- 55% of applied students across the board are at or above the provincial standard (2014-2015)
- (47% throughout the province 2013 – 2014)
- 96% of academic students are at or above the provincial standard (2014-2015)
- 90% of academic students across the board are at or above the provincial standard (2014-2015)

- (85% throughout the province 2013 – 2014)

OSSLT – (Gr. 10 Literacy Test) March 2015

- 485 students
 - 10% english language learners
 - 94% participated
 - 93% successful (First time eligible)
 - Board 90%
 - Province 82%
- OSSLT School Results Over Time (First Time Eligible)
 - 95% 2010/11
 - 94% 2011/12
 - 95% 2012/13
 - 95% 2013/14
 - 93% 2014/15
- Opportunity for English Language Learners to write the OSSLT
- Areas of Strength
 - Writing
 - Making Connections
 - Explicit questions
- Difficulties
 - Implicit Questions (Multiple Choice questions)
 - Inferencing
- Goal
 - All teachers are learning together
 - Model, learn and share best practices on how to explicitly teach inferencing skills to students
- *Some students left Multiple Choice questions 'blank' instead of attempting to answer the questions*
- Data Analysis next meeting

5. PRO GRANT (R. Malhotra)

- Theme - Student Well Being to Life long success
- \$1000 Grant from Ministry of Education
- Plan by January for what will be offered
- 3 parents volunteered so far
- Last Year - profile of Trudeau students
- Anyone Interested in joining subcommittee to advise Julie and Robert
- March/April presentation

6. New Business

- One parent asked about lunch periods and why is Phy Ed not compulsory after Grade 9
 - Reply on lunch was that with the number of students at the school and to maximize the classroom use, all periods have to be used for lunch so some may have early or late lunch.
 - Reply on Phys. Ed. was that there are so many course choices now that there are fewer compulsory courses.
- Career Night/Pathways – J. Lum/D. Linkdwich - proposed for Feb. 18 - originally school council meeting (meeting to be rescheduled to Feb. 25)
 - Need parent volunteers for careers
 - Asking alumni to come back as well to share experiences in university/college and tips
- Course Selection Night for parents - Jan 14
- School council meeting – Co-op, SHSM, Advanced Placement

Mtg Adjourned 9:04pm

Next Meeting January 21, 2016