

## Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS

### School Council Meeting, Nov. 20, 2013.

#### Minutes

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

In attendance: Administration: D. Linkewich, G. Tsigaridis., S. Cheong

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

Parents:, C.Young, R. Malhotra , G. L, L. Tong, M. Ahmed, V. Barrett, L. Barrett, F. Lee, V. Nauaratram, G. Sam, M. Liao, C. Zhang, F. C. Butt, S. Kassam, P. Lu, G. Xin, M. Qadir, C. Jedemann, S. Thomas, S. Jing, P. Li, S. Edwards, C. Stappas, M. Y. Chan, K. Mark, E. Leung, B. Hamilton,

#### 1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/REGARDS

#### 2. GUESTSPEAKERS: Colleen McKague(SHSM Coordinator at PETHS)

- SHSM-Specialist High Skill Major
- This program is intended to engage students for all post-secondary destinations
- Information shared about growth of SHSM in Ontario, York Region and PETHS
- Trudeau currently offers a business SHSM which consists of:
  - 4 major credits – see the pathways chart for a full list of courses
  - 2 cooperative
  - 1 Math CLA
  - 1 English CLA
  - Extra Certification & training
  - Reach ahead opportunities
  - And other student benefits to support them in an area that interests them (business)
- PETHS' SHSM-last year was 1<sup>st</sup> year;
- A two credit coop will be available next summer for students
- Proposal submitted for a Health & Wellness SHSM (which has 3 different areas of focus, and a new partnership with York U related with diabetes); if approved it will begin in Sept 2014
- More information can be found on:
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS Career Cruising:
  - [http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP\\_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=12576&CSID=2070](http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=12576&CSID=2070)
- York Region website:
  - <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/SHSM-General-Information.aspx>
- Ontario Ministry of Education Website
  - <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSM.asp>

### **3. STUDENT REP- Gary Li (Grade 11 student)**

Shared information about student new club and upcoming event and activities

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes read by all in attendance
- Motion, to approve Oct. 16, 2013 minutes, by\_\_\_\_\_
- Approved Minutes will be posted on the PETHS website
- Sandy Wong in the office can post minutes once they are approved

### **5. Parent Reaching Out Grant**

- Team continues to work with Scott Milne to prepare for two parent workshops in the spring
- The group was asked to brainstorm a list of local groups who would have a close connection to our school community
- Ideas include: the local library, YMCA, Cadets, Scouts, Markham theatre, local Basketball team, volleyball Markham, church, Markham-Stouffville Hospital and badminton clubs

### **6. STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS**

#### **A. Staff**

Amrita Mulchand and John Shep shared recent school activities and event from the school staff.

#### **B. Administration**

- I. Debbie Linkewich
  - ✓ Shared ideas learned from other countries at the Quest conference an international conference held by the YRDSB
  - ✓ Science trip to York University - related to the proposed Health and Wellness SHSM was a success – school has a partnership with York U regarding a community based diabetes initiative
  - ✓ Make sure every student has somewhere to go or something to do
  - ✓ PRO grant: what are the other groups that support our community:
    - Churches
    - Services for new comers who have immigrated to Markham
- II. George Tsigaridis
  - ✓ Literacy test preparation will happen on Oct. 13, Nov. 13, Feb. 14 and Mar. 14.
  - ✓ Midterm report card have released last Thursday
  - ✓ 5 days after mid-term is full-disclosure for grade 11/12 students – if they do not want courses to appear on their transcript they must be dropped
- III. Suelyn Cheong
  - ✓ Jan. 13, 2014 Open House to new parents of students who will be entering grade 9 in September 2014

#### **C. Parent and Community**

### **7. NEW BUSINESS - NIL**