

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS
Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018

Present: Principal - Lisa Wargo
VP – Coretta Sampson
Co-Chairs: Arlene McCabe, Bhaskar Saha
Secretary: Vera Li-Chin

Parent participants: see attendance spreadsheet

1. Welcome/ Introductions/Regrets

- Introductions by L. Wargo

2. Student Council Update

- No updates were provided. Dylan Kang was absent.

3. Technology in the Classroom

Presented by Ivan Wong, Math Teacher at PETHS

a. Turn It In

- Web tool used by students to submit assignments.
- Used by teachers to detect plagiarism by comparing submitted material to those on the internet as well as assignments submitted by fellow classmates.

b. Google Classroom

- Used by teachers to post course materials, assignments
- Used by students for discussions and comments and submission of assignments
- Parents can view course material, course expectations and homework assignments using their child's access id and password.
- Note: Grade 12 students should save any online files they wish to preserve to external media before their graduation in June 2019. Graduates will be locked out of the system after graduation and it is very difficult to retrieve the files after such time.

c. Kahoot

- Web-based multiple-choice quiz game where students can answer questions through use of their mobile devices.
- Can be used by teachers to gauge students' understanding of topics through this quick and fun assessment. Game results are typically not used as part of the students' grades.

d. TeachAssist

- Can be used by teachers to record test results, to track learning skills, to produce report cards, to track attendance, and to communicate students' test results/progress with parents.
- Can be used by students to book appointments with guidance.
- Parents can view up to date status of students' progress using their child's access id and password.

School council suggestion: During Grade 8 visit, educate their parents about online access to GoogleClassroom and TeachAssist applications.

Report from Stakeholders

Administration Updates - L. Wargo

1. "Take Your Kid to Work" Day – November 14, 2018
 - Grade 8 students from feeder schools will come to PETHS for the day to experience the life of a Grade 9 student for a day.
2. School Council Forum – November 26, 2018 @ Milliken Mills HS 5:30 to 8:30 pm
3. School Council Grant
 - newly elected Provincial government is not accepting any grant applications this year. In previous years, the grant is typically \$1000 per year.
 - Costs for any school council presentations must be covered by the school. There may be some residual funding from previous year available for presentations. Principal Wargo to check.
4. "Every Student Counts" Survey
 - Students are to complete online survey during a designated class in November.
 - It is approximately 30 minutes long.
 - Survey is not anonymous.
 - Students can skip questions if they wish
 - Objective of survey is to track background of students to achievement over time so that the collected data can be analyzed and the results can be used to develop programs to improve outcomes for under served groups.
5. Update on dress code review
 - Joint meetings with admin, teachers and students were held.
 - All agreed that clothing with drug/alcohol messages and inappropriate language is not allowed.
 - Main complaint from students is guidelines are biased and discriminate against girls.
6. "My Blue Print"
 - will replace "Career Cruising" as the online tool for course selection.
 - will have links to colleges and universities

School Council goals for 2018/19

"Course selection/Pathways" night

- council proposed presentation to parents during the January 2019 school council meeting.

- send communication to parents prior to parent night.
- students make course selection for the following school year in February.

New Business

Impact of legalization of marijuana on PETHS

- very limited impact as age limit is 19 and majority of students are under 18.
- school administration will apply the same rules for marijuana use as those existing for alcohol use.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 7pm

Prepared by: Vera Li-Chin - Secretary