

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS
School Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016

Chair: Julie Lum

Welcome / Introductions / Regrets

25 parents in attendance, D. Linkewich, P. Simmons, M.
Regrets: C. Civello, R. Zoratto, J.Lum, R. Malhotra
Cantonese/Mandarin translator available

Meeting commenced at 7:08 PM

Sept. Meeting minutes read. Motion to approve and post by Sue, seconded by Amy and passed by voting members

Student Council Update - Saad Masood

- Past events:
 - o Trudeaumania for Grade 9s - – Sep. 30th 2016
 - o Trudeau's birthday –Tues, Oct. 18th, lots of cakes
- Upcoming events:
 - o Halloween Oct 31- drama room turned into haunted house
 - o School Dance Nov. 24 – to be followed by PA day on Nov. 25

Full list of clubs on school and student council websites to be updated.
A list of volunteer opportunities provided by guidance will be on the student council website soon.

Parent Question: fundraising for haunted house?

Guest speakers: Technology at Trudeau as a Tool for Modern Learning

The use of technology to enhance learning at PETHS:

- A. Shin, Math teacher
 - o pilot program for Grade 9 applied math students in Mr. Shin's classes. The program emphasis is on interactive learning for students as well as the use of test results for pattern recognition that can help instructor on how to advance the learning method. This program can be accessed by students in the school as well as their home.
- D. Giang, Art and Physics teacher
 - o Notability app: tool that can replace the whiteboard in the classroom; can improve student learning and more interactive learning as students don't need to take notes. The app is versatile: able to embed images, use of a variety of colors for hand notes and graphic illustrations, and can be saved and provided to students as official

class notes in Google classroom. D. Giang uses for both Art and Physics classes.

Parent question on whether the school wants to promote the use of technology rather than traditional handwriting. School's Principal replied the existing school policy that has drafted the use of technology as a mean to enhance the student's competency.

- S. Fusco - Kahoot , electronic gaming tool that teachers use as an interactive learning tool in the classroom. Liked by students.
 - o Parents played Kahoot on their electronic devices and 4 highest scores received prizes. Kahoot is used in her English classes and by other teachers in many other subjects.

All teachers have access and may use technology differently for their classes.

Other updates

- S. Fusco – Octagon Club with parents' help and support delivered about 800 non-perishable food items to the Markham Food Bank.
- D. Giang - genuine Olympic torch presented by from Rio 2016 Olympic committee as a thank you for PETHS contribution to the Olympic committee.
- F. Leung presented SHSM and co-op opportunities for grade 11 and 12's.
 - o Co-op program - students interview and are matched with opportunities to work outside of school, to gain working knowledge and experience on the subjects that they are willing to discover for future job opportunities. Can be 1, 2 or 4 period co-op course.
 - o 75% of their time at the work location and 25% at school. Teachers will be present at the work location to monitor student progress and also to ensure a safe working environment for the students.
 - o There will be no limit for SHSM as long as students sign up for these programs in February 2017.
 - o Career Fair – students will be sharing experience from co-op

Parent question - step-by-step handout regarding the various programs available?

D. Linkewich - EQAO Literacy and Grade 9 Math results

- o Gr. 9 Math - PETHS averaged above the board and province on both applied and academic math. Ms. Linkewich explained fluctuation in applied math being related to smaller sample size for the previous years. To improve upon the results in the future, the spiral method of teaching math, as well as use of feedback from students to adjust learning method, would be utilized.
- o Gr. 10 literacy test - 97% of the students were successful writing test for first time.

- 300 students served last year by parents and staff the morning of OSSLT. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for next writing of the test in March 2017
- The following measures will be employed to improve upon the literacy results:
 - Improve critical thinking
 - Improve answering multiple choice questions
 - Improve on inferring strategies
 - Focus on wellness of students
 - Provide breakfast on literacy test day

M. Muller - volunteering opportunities for parents.

- One great opportunity : Looking for parent volunteers to mentor newcomers on potential volunteer work at school.

P. Simmons

- Online OSSLT in October did not work. All Grade 10 students will write test in March 2017 with likely both paper and online versions available. School to determine.
- Nov. 2 - Bring Your Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students to go with parents to workplaces while Grade 8 students from other schools will be come to PETH to experience a typical day at Trudeau.
- Interim report cards Oct. 21; parent interviews Oct 27.

D. Linkewich:

- Drama Murder Mystery event on Nov 1 – 3
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day assembly
- Nov. 21 - school council forum with dinner at Milliken Mills School.
- Nov. 24 - Wellness day and school dance in evening
- Special Programs Information Nights:
 - Arts program at Unionville HS – Nov 1, 7:00pm Markham Theatre,
 - IB programs Oct 26: expanded to 5 sites (Alexander MacKenzie HS, Dr. GW William SS, Maple HS, Milliken Mills HS)
 - New Cornell school – updates available Jan 2017 for those Grade 9 FI students living in the boundaries for the new school who will be transferring there next fall. Check board website to find out if your child will be transferring to the new school next fall.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

R. Malhotra – committee chair regrets unable to attend

- looking for parent volunteers for working committee to plan workshops/speakers for events
- meeting to be scheduled in late November
- parent ideas are welcome

With voting members approval, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 17, 2016. **New start time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

