

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau
School Council Meeting, October 17, 2012
Minutes**

Co-Chairs: David Andrew\K. Mark

- In attendance: D. Andrew, K. Mark, D. Linkewich, G. Bregg, G. Tsigaridis, S. Cheong, T. Harrison, C. Li, J. Thillainathan, J. Lum, J. Shi, S. Edwards, L. Li, R. Mukkala, C. Stappas, E. Wen, J. Tsao. S. Sun, R. Malhotra, M. Qadir. E. Wong, H. Zhang, B. Shriraam, A. Tamber

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION/REGRETS

- D. Andrew introduced himself and had those in attendance introduce themselves
- Regrets – Susan Maharaj

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes read by all in attendance
- Motion to approve May 2012 minutes, D. Andrew, seconded by K. Mark, carried
- Corrections to September 2012 minutes – EQAO results – 70% applied, increased of 20% over the last two years
- Motion to approve the amended September 2012 minutes, R. Mukkala, seconded D. Andrew, carried

ELECTION PROCESS

- D. Andrew reviewed the history of the School Council, Council is not a fundraising group, works toward increasing school spirit and parent communication. Championed the school bus issue, resulted in bussing being offered to outer parts of school boundaries. Presents two School Council graduation awards. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month except, December, March and June. Meetings often include a guest speaker.
- Council has a constitution
- Positions to be elected include: Chair\Co-Chairs; Secretary; Treasurer; Members at large
- Roles of each described
- Election to take place after guest speaker presentation

STUDENT REP – Janani Thillainathan

- Student council has developed an action plan. Five points to the plan: school unity; supporting student voices; school pride; school spirit; school inclusivity
- October 19 – Trudeau’s birthday, includes cake and grade competitions
- November – school dance
- Ontario Student Leadership Camp, November 9 – 3 day event in Niagara Falls
- SRA\Peer Mediation – Bullying awareness week in November
- Trudeau Leadership Camp in October was a great success. A facebook page has been developed for students to post reflections from camp. The nomination process for camp was discussed

FOOD PROGRAM – John Shep (Guest Speaker Presentation)

- Student Wellness group is planning to start a breakfast program at the school
- Reviewed reasons to start the program: Breakfast affects student learning, students do not always have breakfast at home for many reasons (family economics, rushed morning routine)
- Reviewed proposal – Grab and go format, available 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., healthy, safe foods (no nuts)
- To be funded with donations, grants and fundraising
- Frequency will depend on available funds\food
- Program must conform to Board standard for healthy foods. Nutritional guidelines must be followed
- Volunteer hours may be available to student helpers
- Equipment needs will be minimal as plans are to offer foods that do not need to be prepared
- Parents discussed

ELECTIONS

- Elections for School council positions
 - **Chair – Robert Malhotra – acclaimed**
 - **Treasurer – Connie Li – acclaimed**
 - **Secretary – Susanne Edwards – acclaimed**
 - **Members at Large – Mufazal Qadir, Ramana Mukkala, Charity Stappas, Helena Zhang, Elina Wen**
 - **Community Rep – Kai Mark - acclaimed**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nil

STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS

Administration

D. Linkewich

- School Council Forum, October 29 at Milliken Mills H.S. 6:00 p.m. includes dinner. Jing Shi, Elina Wen, Mufazal Qadir and Helena Zhang to attend
- Thanked David Andrew and Kai Mark for their service on the School Council and presented a card

S. Cheong

- Presented information from Susan Maharaj
- October 23 – Field trip to College Fair at Exhibition Place
- October 31 – Enrichment Opportunities Presentation after school in the library – for students and parents

G. Tsigaridis

- October 12 – Interim Report Cards were distributed
- October 18 – Parent\Teacher Interview Night
- October 22 – PA day – no classes for students, teachers to participate in workshops
- October 25 – Terry Fox Run

- November 7 – Take Your Kid to Work day for Grade 9 students, Grade 8 students will come to high school for the day
- November 16 – Mid Term Report Cards distributed
- Trudeau Band Workshops to take place in November

Theresa Harrison

- Nil

NEW BUSINESS

- R. Malhotra – Was bussing issue revisited last year? The bus schedules were not changed last year but the Board may revisit at another time. D. Andrew reviewed previous survey results. Board added buses for students in outer areas and YRT revised some routes.
- YRT works with the Board to ensure bussing is efficient
- Parents requested that Agenda be sent out before meetings

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn, R. Malhotra, seconded M. Qadir, carried