

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS

School Council Meeting, September 17, 2015

Minutes

Chair: J. Lum

Attendance: 53 parents, D.Linkewich, P. Viscomi, P. Simmons, J. Shep, D. Imada-Chan,

Topic:

1. Welcome/Introductions – D. Linkewich and J. Lum
2. Elections
 - 2 Executive Members: Chair and Treasurer, and 16 members of School Council (Executive members and members of council must commit to regular attendance and are able to vote)
 - Any and all welcome to come to meetings
 - A review of the School Council objectives was shared by J.Lum.
 - School Council members fill out a nomination form.

Important school decisions include student and parent voice. Want individuals to feel comfortable to share their ideas and thoughts. When sharing issues, we also ask that individuals also come with solutions.

Council Members Are: S. Alibhai, T. Cheung A. Edgar, F. Fu, A. Hong, S. Ilaalagan, J. Jiang, M. Khan, J. Lam, V. Leung, M. Liao, K. Ragunathan, S. Seecharan, P. Selvarajah, R. Xiao, A. Wang, Maisie Wu

Chair: J. Lum

Treasurer: M. Ameeriar

Secretary: vacant – rotating among voting members

Community Members: R. Malhotra & K. Mark

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- **School Council Summary**
- **A Day in the Life of the principal and vice-principal**
- **Administrator Responsibilities and Role**
- **What to do if you have a question**
- **Many hats the administrators wear**

Student Council Update – Christine Mah

- A small sampling of the various clubs offered were presented (not an exhaustive list). Some examples: Anime Club, Ball Hockey Club, White Pine Book, Culinary Club, Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, Smiles that Save Lives, Sewing Club, Programming Club, etc.
- Club week to be held with student displays and members sharing information.

- Student Council working on Trudeaumania-a Grade 9 Event, to help build friendships between class members.(Oct 2)
- October 18th is Trudeau's birthday, but will be celebrated on Friday, October 16th—the students and staff will partake in cake and festivities.
- SAC Calendar will be updated with events. Trudeau also has a Twitter account.

Administration Report by D. Linkewich

Staffing: Fully staffed. 126 teachers. Contact a teacher by looking at the school website or emailing a teacher by using the following: teacherfirstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca.

Enrollment:

- 1990 students.
- Due to the size of the school, period 1 lunch is used to facilitate all students having a lunch period and Gr. 9 no longer have a common lunch. We have grown over the past four years and have added a new wing with 14 classrooms and portables.
- School continues to register new students throughout the year who live within the boundaries but the only York Region school closed to transfers.

The school has worked to continue to increase communication with parents. Here is how to receive more information about what is happening at Trudeau:

- Trudeau is on Twitter! @trudeauhs
- The Google Calendar contains all upcoming field trips, special events, sporting activities and university visits.
- E-bulletin sent every Friday. This e-newsletter contains essential information, reminders, notifications and contains your son/daughter's attendance. Parents can sign up.

University fair – Metro Toronto Convention Centre – yearly event – last weekend in September

College and University fair @ Trudeau – NEW this year – Sept. 30

Take your kids to work day and Take our kids to high school day – Nov. 4

Staff Report by J. Shep

Student Services (Special Education) is now on Twitter-special education news will be shared as “#SERTnews” on the Twitter feed. All news shared on the Twitter feed.

Plenty Program-local vendors are on board. The program provides any students with quick snack in case they miss breakfast. Anyone can access this program, no questions asked. Some of the foods offered include sandwiches, fresh fruit. Many local community partners participate. Mr. Shep's parents have been helping to run the program but are now retired so volunteers are needed to pick up day old baked goods @ Raymerville Bakery.

If anybody has questions, suggestions or would like to donate, please let us know. The program starts at 7:50 and goes to 8:05am daily. It opens up again between first and second period. Remaining food is moved to student success room.

Administration Report -D. Imada Chan

School cash online – NEW this year so parents can pay registration fees as well as field trips and other school costs online.

September 11th: Safe Schools Assembly for all grades. It consisted of a presentation by the administrative team, as well as our School Community partners. The purpose is to ensure students have a clear understanding of the school expectations and how they can have a successful year at Trudeau.

Wednesday, September 16th : School Photo Day. For those students who have missed taking their picture, there was another opportunity on Friday, October 5..

Monday, September 22nd: This coming Monday our staff will be undergoing extensive training and learning around various health and safety matters, all designed to keep our learning and working community a safe one.

Related to safety, there will be a fire drill and lockdown drill.

Administration Report-P.Viscomi

Mark Reporting: Families get provincial report card twice a semester. Once at midterm and once at the end of the semester. Additionally, they will get an interim report 6 weeks into the semester, no marks are reported, just a level is given. First Interim reports will be released on October 19th, you will receive the report from your son or daughter. These reports are passed out in homeroom. Marks also available in the e-bulletin.

OSSLT: Students must pass to earn their diploma. Take this test typically in the 10th grade.

Supports for the OSSLT:

- Lit Blitz held one period a month dedicated to practising literary skills.
- Afterschool course regarding literacy.
- Embed literacy in all courses.

Test results available for the EQAO website.

Administration Report-P. Simmons

Grade 9 Transitions: Many steps are taken to ensure a smooth transition for grade 9 students. They include:

- Grade 8 Visit
- Network meetings between schools-teachers at Trudeau meet with staff from feeder schools
- Orientation Day
- Trudeaumania
- Support Team: Guidance Counselors, Student Success, teachers
- Speak with the teachers, administrative team

Parents and Community Report-R. Malhotra

Parents Reaching Out Grant-Grant from Ministry of Education to increase parent engagement. Each year funds are available up to \$1,000. Received a grant for 2015-2016 for \$1,000. We are continuing on same theme as last year: From Student Well-being to Life-long success. Sub-committee to be assembled to discuss activities that the grant money will be used to pay. Volunteers, please contact Robert Malhotra.

J.Lum – Various

Trudeau Terrace on west side of PETHS – a student built outdoor area. Grants have been awarded for this area. Buroak tree planted and picnic tables and benches will be coming. Parents are encouraged to reach out to friends, family and businesses who can help with donations of materials or funds.

D. Linkewich – School Council Goals for 2015-16 - interactive parent feedback

Working in groups by table, parents answered a series of questions to give their feedback on what they are interested in helping with and hearing about. Results will be shared in Oct. meeting.

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Meeting adjourned

Future Meeting dates:

October 15th, 2015

November 12th, 2015

January 21st, 2016

February 18th, 2016

April 28th, 2016

May 19th, 2016

June 9, 2016