

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS

Minutes

Parent Council Meeting September 14, 2017

Present: Principal - Lisa Wargo

VP's - Charlene Civello, Paull Simmons, Ron Zoratto

Chair: Julie Lum

Welcome/ Introductions/Regrets

- Introductions by L. Wargo
- VP's and T. Harrison (office administrator), S. Fusco
- Student Council rep: Keith

Elections

- Introductions and school council objectives and past initiatives - J. Lum
- Sample Topics that were discussed at meetings
- Meetings 3rd Thursdays of the month
- Career/Pathways Evening - February 22, 2018
- Structure of the meeting: Speaker 1st half, Meeting 2nd half
- Goal is to provide parent engagement and address speakers and topics of interest to parents.

Chair : Julie Lum

Secretary: May Liao

Treasurer: Vick Poopal

Voting Members: Mufazal Qadir, Bryan Hamilton, Ajay Bhanushali, Youmna Ahmed, Connie Goh, Saqib Nazir, Amy Wang, Lih Ling Chung, Hope Salmon, Lydia Ding, Guoxia Feng

Student Council Update

Past Event:

DECA orientation

Upcoming Events:

Sept 18th: Club week - Cafeteria

Oct 2nd: Trudeaumania - Grade 9 event at Camp Robin Hood, Monopoly theme

Report from Stakeholders

1) S, Fusco

- J. Song - volunteer teacher prepared AP Chinese exam & Culture Exam, all got Level 5
- N. Li - placed 2nd in Provincial Grade 12 accounting contest
- J. Lee with S. Silva - 1st place in provincial Ethics contest

- Sept 30th - Annual Student Award Luncheon sponsored by Ontario Business Educators' Association (OBEA)
 - Senior Chemistry teachers - looking for connections for field trip/visit to businesses & industries related to chemical sector (pharmaceutical, food services or health & beauty sectors)
- Please contact **F. Leung (fanny.leung@yrbsb.ca)**

2) Principal's Report - L. Wargo

- Classes are full, no additional staffing needed, course changes completed
- 1905 students this year

3) VP report - C. Civello (I-Q)

- New furniture added - library (bar chairs + power outlets), tables added in cafeteria with access to outlets + close to windows, couch
- Sports teams - tryouts (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Sept 28 - PETHS post secondary evening 6-8pm (almost all the universities and colleges)
- Universities Fair - Sept 20 weekend @ Metro Toronto Convention Centre

4) R. Zoratto (A-H)

- Please call or email re: individual questions about child
- Encouragement to Grade 9ers to get involved in teams and sports
- Photo day yesterday Sept 13 - Grade 12 Grad photos - date will be advised
- Safe school assembly last week
- Fire drill this week Sept 12
- Sept 27th - Lock down drill

5) Julie Lum

- Encouragement for students to get involved/try out clubs - all grades
- Community involvement for volunteering, etc - start as soon as possible to get the 40 hours needed or more
- Do sign up for PETHS email and weekly newsletter. Parents need to email school to be added to student profile. Please include child's name in order to be added to school distribution list and to get their attendance information as well.
- Certain "hotmail" accounts have been blocked, conflict with School Board server, it's currently working fine.

School Council goals for 2017/18

- Parent reaching out grant application submitted in May, Now still waiting for approval. Discussion on what to do with the funds if approved.
 - From past experience at various schools - Guest speakers (cyber bullying, parenting teams, authors)
 - What should these events look like? - speaker, workshop, parents and students?
e.g - Mental Health - Michelle Cassidy? - she has spoken at PETHS in past.
- How are the students benefiting from the speakers, e.g. Lunch speakers for the students, evenings for the parents

- Social Media/Cyberbullying (YPR)
- Drugs, Addiction
- Career night/Pathways
- Dealing with Stress/Mental health

New Business

- Suggestion that Time allocated for New Business to be addressed at the beginning of the meeting as parents may be too tired to raise at end of the meeting.
- J. Lee notes that there was never an issue in the past with missing discussing new business raised by parents.
- Discussion on whether meetings should be 90 min total or 2 hours as was the norm in the past. School council meets only 6 times a year.
- J. Lum clearly advised that means that there may not be time for parents to have all their questions answered.
- Vote: future meetings to be from 7:00 - 8:30pm, passed by majority

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2017