

# PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU HIGH SCHOOL

## Elections for 2013-2014 School Council

Dear Trudeau Parents\Guardians,

Elections for School Council positions will take place on **Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in our library**. If you are interested in being a voting member please complete the attached nomination form.

### Election of School Council Members

Are you interested in becoming involved at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School? Election of parent representatives for the School Council will be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Nomination forms can be submitted to the Main Office prior to September 18<sup>th</sup> or brought with you to the meeting.

### Purpose and Role of the School Council

According to the Ministry of Education Regulation 612 and the York Region District School Board's Policy 262.0, the purpose of School Councils is to support:

1. Improved student learning;
2. An increased sense of shared accountability for public education.

As stated in Board Policy 262.0, "the Board believes that School Councils play an important role in building school, family, and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school level decisions and by encouraging the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning."

### Elected Positions

The following positions will be elected by the council:

- Chairperson\Co-Chairs
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Members at large

### Responsibilities of School Council Members

The members of School Council are accountable to the parents they represent and it is mandatory that they:

- maintain a school-wide perspective on issues;
- regularly attend school council meetings;
- participate in information and training programs;
- act as a link between the school council and the community;
- encourage the participation of all parents within the school community;
- participate on sub-committees and assist with the tasks of the School Council.

### Responsibilities of the School Council

School Councils are advisory bodies that can make recommendations to the principal and/or the Board. School Councils shall meet at least four times per year. Meetings are open to the public and are held in a location accessible to the public. Decisions are made only when there is quorum (a majority of the members are present and a majority of those present are parent members). All activities of the School Council must be in compliance with Board policies.