

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau School Council Minutes
November 19, 2014**

Guest Speaker

Planning committee presentation of new North Markham High School

- Revised school boundaries will be implemented as a result of new Cornell dual track high school opening in 2017 which will open with Grades 9 and 10
- Boundary change will affect French Immersion students as some will now attend the new school rather than Trudeau (those affected will be mainly from Sam Chapman, Franklin and Glad Park and whether they will attend PETHS or the new high school will depend on their home address)
- Students currently in grade 6 and 7 will be the first students to attend the new high school in September 2017
- Students affected by the boundary change, currently in grade 6 will start high school at the new high school
- Students affected by the boundary change, currently in grade 7 will attend PETHS for grade 9 school year and then transfer to new school in grade 10
- PETHS will be closed to transfers until September 2017
- There will be a public meeting in February of 2015

SAC Report

Past and Upcoming Events:

- Basketball
- November 18-21 was sports week
- SRA is having smoothie sales to support Kids Help Line
- November 19 – Day of Silence
- Red Cross held an Ebola awareness event
- E-Action is collecting batteries
- SAC dance had 420 students attend
- Students presented the results of a staff and student survey about hats in school. Majority of students and staff support abolishing the hats rule and allowing students to wear hats in school. Council discussed. Council will support the change to the school general dress code to allow hats. Exceptions will be in Ms. Linkewich's office and any other teachers who feel strongly hats not being worn in their classrooms. Students will be asked to respect the teachers' wishes.

French Department Trips

French Exchange – J. D'Angelo

- Presented information about our partnership exchange trips with a school in Brest, France
- Trip takes place May 1 – 10
- Participants paired with a student in Brest and host the visiting student
- Cost is \$2250 per student and includes excursion to Paris
- Photos and experiences from previous trips were shared with council

France\Spain trip – D. De Luca

- 8 day tour taking place May 14 – 21
- Supervised by Principal and teachers and booked with EF Tours
- Itinerary was reviewed
- Cost is \$3160 per student with a reduced rate of \$2960 if student registers before November 30

Minutes: No quorum. Minutes to be approved at next meeting

Reports from Administration:

J. Shep – Staff Rep

- Peer tutoring for French is offered daily afterschool in room 257

- The “Trudeau Terrace” project is looking for funding to continue construction on site. They have a voting link on AVIVA community fund website – link is on Twitter for more funding.
- School newsletter La Pirouette was issued at October Parents’ Night and is posted on school website.

D.Linkewich:

- School budget for 2014-2015 is finalized. Capital expenditures include bike racks, basketball nets, benches for hallways, cafeteria AV system, system of televisions to post announcements and school information and major technology purchases
- Quest conference – Administration and teaching staff are attending
- Our teacher in charge of the BUILD project presented the project at a ministry conference
- November 14 PA day was focused on our pathways SIP goal. Staff visited several colleges: George Brown, Humber, Centennial.

D. Imada Chan:

- Fall Wellness Day one week away. 40 activities have been offered to students, both onsite and offsite. Permission forms and fees due November 20. Students will receive activity specific information for activities they signed up for on November 21. Attendance taken.

P. Simmons

- Grade 8 Open House, January 19, 2015, will be student lead. Opportunity for grade 8 students to visit departments and get more information about PETHS to help in their decision.
- Exams January 23 – 30
- Grade 9 Math EQAO – January 20 and 21 for those taking math in first semester.
- Take our kids to Work day, November 5 – 97% of students participated. School arranged trip to Sheridan Nurseries and Whole Foods for 27 students that need a placement.
- Grade 8 visited PETHS on November 5 while Gr. 9s were away and participated in classes. Grade 8 teachers and Trudeau staff participated in workshops to ease student transition from elementary school to high school

P. Viscomi:

- Mid term marks to be distributed on November 24 and will be included in e-newsletter

Parent Reaching Out Grant

Topic is Student Well Being and Lifelong Success. This continues the series started last year with PRO grant supporting Risk and Resiliency workshops. This series will help parents support students including over achievers, a group that most parents would not consider at risk but can be depending on stressors and circumstances. The series will help parents to understand how to understand student well being and what they can do to help on the path to student success.

Proposed plan :

Feb guest speaker, April and May evening sessions

- parent work shop with case studies continuing on risk and resiliency theme
- Guest Speaker, “How to Talk to Teens”
- Michelle Cassidy from YRDSB to talk about Mental Health
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Next committee Meeting November 26

Previous Business

Additional microwaves have now been placed in the cafeteria and has eased the waiting for students to heat up their lunches.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by: J. Lum

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm