

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau
School Council Meeting, April 17, 2013
Minutes**

Co-Chairs: Robert Malhotra / Amar Tambar

- In attendance: D. Linkewich, G. Tsigaridis, V. Bregg, T. Harrison, S. Cheong, J. Thillainathan, S. Edwards, S. Maharaj, R. Mukkala, R. Malhotra, B. Shiraam, A. Tamber, T. Cheung, C. Stappas, R. Raveenthiran, L. Tong, H. Zhang, J. Lum

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS /REGRETS

- Robert Malhotra introduced himself and welcomed Guest Speakers from the YRDSB: Scott Milne Field Researcher, Inclusive Schools/Community Services and Steve Rensink, Positive Climates for Learning and Working. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
- Regrets- Kai Mark
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes read by all in attendance

- Motion to approve February 2013 minutes, seconded by R. Mukkala, carried

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE -REP – Janani Thillainathan

Clubs started

- Strut, Theatrics, Prom, Yearbook, SRA, Frisbee, Volleyball
- Trudettes- All girls club that works on self esteem, confide on personal issues, leadership skills and gaining confidence. Movie Night: Mean Girls on Monday April 22nd 4pm- 6pm

Music Council

- Music Carnival for music students Thurs. April 18 6pm -9:30pm
Organized by the Music Council. Entrance fee: a main dish
- Didomi - April 23, Joint fellowship with Bur Oak Secondary School
- YRPC Thurs. April 25 – Reach 13 Conference
- May 3, Elections: Exec. Positions-President, Vice Student Advisor, Publicity, Tech. External Affairs, Communications, Secretary, Student Activities
- May 10, Grade Rep.

Student Council

- March 25-28 Spirit Week- Day 1: Pyjama Day, Day2: Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness), Salvation Army Clothing Drive, Day3: Formal, Day4: Jersey Day

10th Anniversary

- Blazers Bash –run by Old Sac and New Sac
- Performance-Karl Wolf
- Activities-6 inflatables, Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, Popcorn Machine=\$2450
- Food- burgers, chips, pop, hot dogs, veggie burgers, beaver tails, ice cream
- PEP Rally-Awards ceremony-Raptors Mascot vs. PETHS
- Arts- music performance, vocals strings, instrumental jazz, Art Gallery, Drama-Grade 12 Production

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION:

What is Student Wellbeing and Why is it Important for Success?

Scott Milne, Field Researcher, Inclusive Schools/Community Services and Steve Rensink, Positive Climates for Learning and Working.

- Student Wellbeing and Student Achievement
- Risk and Resiliency
- Assets Mapping
- Mental, Emotional, Physical, Spiritual, Social
- More info. at the website www.riskresiliency.pbworks.com

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

- September 2013 Elections-add insert with report cards in June
- Future School Council Meeting Dates for 2013-2014
2013: Sept. 18, October 16, November 20 (Elementary Councils invited)
2014: Jan. 15, February 19, April 16, May 21
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nil

STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS

Administration

D. Linkewich

- Official start of school building addition on west side of school
- EUCLID Math Test-95 students participated
- Increase in resuming extracurricular activities

G. Bregg

- Literacy Tests –EQAO postponed

Suelyn Cheong

- Drama Production by Arts students being held May 1st and 2nd

G. Tsigaridis

- April 24th Semester 2 Mid Term Reports will be distributed
- May 1st Full Disclosure date

Staff

Susan Maharaj

- Valedictorian Applications
- Guidance info, for Summer School- E-learning
- Grad Awards will be due in May
- Gr.11 Science Fair
- Music Ensembles to Nationals held at the U of T
- PETHS Student awarded \$15,000 Math scholarship
- May 5th Co Op Workshop

Parents and Community

- **School Council Award-** \$1000 in account- balance of \$600 to be donated toward a bench marking the 10th Anniversary
- **School Council Forum Update-**Held at Bur Oak-two main topics:
Mission Statement revisions-Survey of all staff before June for a November updated version-Ken Thurston (Director of Education)
New bullying brochure YRDSB- copy to be sent to Councils -new
YRDSB Anti-Bullying Strategy-Allan Hoyle
- School Board sponsored website links will be accessible this summer
- **PRO Grant** Application by May 21st- email ideas for guest speakers to Council
- **Eco Action Update-** \$15,000 for upgrade landscaping/ concrete pads for benches. “
“Music Pad” patio \$16,000-doesn’t include construction materials.
Grant Writing
- **PETHS 10th Anniversary Committee Update (Ref. Student Council Update)**
Gala Dinner-Caterers have been contacted, 300 tickets, Keynote speaker to be confirmed
Arts/ Blazers Bash etc. refer to Student Council update

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn, R. Malhotra, seconded by S.Edwards , carried