

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau School Council Minutes
October 15, 2014**

SAC Report

Past and Upcoming Events:

- Samuel Hazo & Music Fundraiser for Markham-Stouville Hospital, tickets are \$15
- Thanksgiving Food Drive Competition, over 9,000 items donated
- DECA Regional Competition
- Canadian Open Mathematics
- Trudeau's Birthday Celebration-Cake and activities during lunch, trivia game in the morning
- Haunted House
- YRPC-Umbrella organization for York Region Student Activities Council, upcoming leadership conference

SAC is also working on looking for ways to support students who may not be able to afford the fees for certain activities and programs. They would like to work with school council on these efforts.

Minutes Correction: The spelling of R. Malhotra's name requires correction.

Motion for the approval of minutes: F. Fu, Seconded by R. Malhotra

Reports from Administration:

D.Linkewich:

Gr. 9-Take Our Kids to Work Day: Students attend with family/friend; email the school if you can take another student. Parents can then arrange with one another. Student Success also organizes a trip for those who are having difficulty making arrangements. Also on this day, Gr. 8 Students from our feeder schools come to visit to experience high school life. Grade 8 and 9 teachers meet together.

Pathways SIP Committee Current Work:

- Collecting information from alumnae-this information will help us determine how we can better support our students, data collection through both a survey and a focus group.
- To understand how we can better support the various pathways of our students, staff will be going on a trip to better understand the skill trades pathways. A field trip for parents about various pathways will also be offered.

Annual Learning Plans for Staff: D. Linkewich will meet with 120 staff members. Meetings are focused dialogues on their goals and professional learning needs.

Family of Schools Meeting: All of Trudeau's feeder schools administrative teams will meet with Trudeau staff to better understand the transition to high school. A joint meeting of school councils to be scheduled next year,

D. Imada Chan:

Parent-Teacher Interviews:

- Next week Wednesday, 6:30-8:30. Parents may sign up for a 5 minute time slot.
- Letter in interim reports explaining details and also has a table that your son/daughter will use to sign up for an interview time with their teachers.

Events:

Very active athletics program and many field trips. A small sampling includes:

- Guest composer-Samual Hazo working with students in concert band.
- McMaster Engineering Science Olympics
- Business Trip to Cadbury and Eaton Centre

- FI Law class to Court of Appeal and ON Superior Court of Justice

SIP Planning (Wellness/resiliency/success)-Wellness Day/Staff Wellness/Wellness Breaks

- - Wellness day – a lot of work done to organize this by staff; sign-up to be done online; many options for students to choose from

Health and Safety Inspection: Superb inspection—due to the hard work and diligence of our staff.

Student Voice Opportunities in the School:

- Student representation at our bi-monthly admin meetings.
- Focus group of students involved in our school goals planning.
- Wellness Day—submitted ideas for possible activities.
- Student group interested in changing the no hat policy. They were encouraged to take the initiative to find out what the school community thought about the issue and have presented the results to SAC. Results will be shared to School Council as the council advises on the dress code.
- with SAC money and school budget, new bike racks, hoops and benches to be added outside

P. Viscomi:

Interim Report:

Level 1-4, Teacher may request for an interview; important to keep in mind this report is one snapshot of the learning so far.

Critical Thinking SIP Committee:

Worked on an action plan which is as follows:

- Oct. 20th Head's meeting will discuss two techniques that we will share at a staff meeting
- Nov 3rd Model the two techniques to staff, staff determine how to use the technique relative to their classes.
- Nov-Dec, Jan: Staff to use one of the techniques, try and reflect upon its use.
- February 3rd staff meeting: Share an example of how they have incorporated
- March-Student Focus group
- April-Staff focus group

R. Malhotra-Parent Reaching Out Grant

\$1,000-Committee met in September with 7 parents. Need to meet to determine how the funds will be used.

J.Lum-Other Matters

- Concern shared about not enough microwaves in the cafeteria. D. Linkewich shared that SAC brought it to the administration. Caretaking is working on it, as fuses kept blowing.
 - Motion made to purchase two microwaves and carts made by V. Leung
 - Seconded by Ilene H.
 - Motion carried; D.Linkewich to buy microwaves and install in cafeteria ASAP
- An interest in having guest speakers about raising teenagers was brought forward.
- It was shared that other possible areas that School Council may want to continue supporting is raising funds for BUILD and Plenty, as well as supporting career exploration.
- It was suggested that parents email issues that they would be interested in working on

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by: M. Malik

Seconded by: S. Saiyed

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm