

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

School Council Meeting, Feb. 19, 2014,

Minutes

2013-2014 Co-Chairs: Julie Lum, Carline Young (absent)

Admin : Principal: D. Linkewich, G. Tsigaridis., P. Viscomi, S. Cheong (absent)

Staff: T. Harrison, J. Shep, A. Mulchand

Parents: J. Lum, R. Malhotra , M. Chen, L. Tong, V. Navarat, B. Tharmalingam, L. Low, M. Liao, A. Chan, Z. Cao, G. Sam, V. Leung, T. Cheung, L. Zhou, L. Niu, M. Ahmed.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/REGARDS

2. Chinese New Year presentation with photos

✚ **Presenter name here** shared the wonderful Chinese New Year celebration held on Valentine's day (Feb. 14) with photos. A fun time was had by all 400 participants who sampled food, played games and were surrounded by colourful Chinese decorations and posters.

3. GUESTSPEAKERS: Pierre Trudeau HS, Guidance Department (M. Reese and McKaig) with assistance from students Ryan and Daniel

Supporting Student Pathways through the IPP (Individual Pathways Plan)

- IPP tour online by Ryan with Daniel assisting
- Career cruising 2.0 – every student can login
- Matchmaker survey - Answer questions related and it will match student with careers and includes Job description, earning, education requirements
- Also shows what student likes or dislikes
- Keeps all the student's information in one place
- Resume builder helps students to create resume

4. Build Project at Trudeau-Susan Johnston and Marc Meyer

- Students designed the space. Learned measurement, problem solving, working in teams and created many versions from which the final one was decided on and has been submitted to the Board for approval.
- Final plan creates a garden area with benches, chairs, meeting area, shaded areas.
- Different class worked on different parts of the design.
- Students survey students results on what they wanted to see were incorporated into the design.
- Complete cost \$60 000 to \$80 000; grants of \$13,000 have been received and more work apply for more grants/donations is currently being done.

5. Student Council Update- Gary Li

Student rep shared a variety of information about athletics, past events, and upcoming events.

6. Approval of Minutes

- ✓ Minutes read by all in attendance
- ✓ Motion to approve January 15, 2014 minutes passed by majority.
- ✓ Approved minutes will be posted on PETHS website

7. Report from Stakeholders

a. Staff-Amrita Mulchand and John Shep

Breakfast program highly used and looking for more donations

Mental health session with Grade 9 students scheduled for April

Next month first ever parents' field trip - to U of T and George Brown College for ESL parents

b. Administration

i. Debbie Linkewich

- Ministry of Education grants – \$20,000 for new dance floor for dance classes; new foods lab
- Diabetes Awareness Initiative –partnership to help educate students to prevent and manage diabetes as \$50,000 grant received by York U, U of T and Markham Stouffville Hospital
- PETHS is a very big school, multicultural and with range of student achievement so is offering a more diverse course list now with new courses every year

ii. George Tsigaridis

- Grade 9 math EQAO Testing in January for some and in June for those who have math second semester
- Gr. 10 EQAO literacy test March 27;prep is currently being done with practice tests, after school literacy club and assembly about the test before the test date
- Feb. 7 first semester final report card
- Course selection completed in Feb; course selection verification to be sent home in April
- March 28, second semester interim report card
- Focus on wellness – staff have been trained by Scott Milne on assets based mapping; staff trained also on safe talk so students will feel safe to talk to staff about issues; community organizations will be coming into to talk to school
- NEW – Wellness break every second Friday – rotating through different times of the day, classes will take a 15 min break to exercise, laugh, do something other than school work.
- NEW - Wellness day-April 3 – a variety of activities was offered to all students – this is a chance for all students to take a break from school work.

- At the end of May, time table and teachers all be set up for next year
- Addition of new subdivision = 70-90 new students; 1780 now, estimate 1900 students; capacity is 2300 with the new 14 room addition and 8 portables

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- iii. Pina Viscomi
 - Waterloo Math competition
 - English Language learners transition day for feeder elementary schools
 - March 7 PA day
 - April 3, parent interviews in evening
 - April 13 French exchange students leave for France with Debbie and staff

8. PRO Grant Update (Robert Malhotra)

- Two workshops (March 27 and April 24) From Student Wellbeing to Lifelong Success.
- Led by Scott Milne from YRDSB
- online registration, simultaneous translation and child care provided
- 7 community partners will also be there with information tables

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9. New business

None brought forward.

10. Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn meeting passed by majority.