

Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS

School Council Meeting Minutes September 15, 2016

Welcome/Introductions/Regrets

Chair: Julie Lum

Staff Attendances: Debbie Linkewich, Charlene Civello, Paull Simmons, Ron Zoratto, Diana Taylor

73 attendees – a new high for school council

2016-17 PETHS School Council executive and voting members

Julie Lum - Chair re-elected

May Liao and Mohsen Mousavi – co- Secretaries

Nilesh Bhatt - Treasurer

Voting members elected:

Meizi Wu, Eva Tong, Florice Lee, Sue Ilaalagan, Amy Shi, Amy Wang, Bitu Makky, Menaka, Suthakai, Kintul Patel, Chandrakumar Ramakrishna, Amanda Collucci,

Community member: Robert Malhotra

Trustee Billy Pang

- Spoke about the role of parents and brought message from the school board.
- Shared contact info if parents want to contact him

Student Council Update - Saad Masood

- Update on student activities planned:
 - Gr. 9 rep election
 - Equity chair – new position in SAC
 - Trudeaumania – Gr. 9
 - Club week showcasing all the clubs available and encouraging students to join

Teacher Rep Update - Diana Taylor

- Plenty Program: @ Hole in the Wall – Free Breakfast program for any student
- Emily - Business lead
- Contest results with trophies being presented at Annual Student Awards Luncheon: Felix Chan – first in Ethics Jr. contest; Andy Cheng with Lauren Rennie – first in Business Leadership; Angel Liu – second in Business Leadership

VP Paull Simmons

- Trudeaumania Sept 30 Grade 9, led by mentors, relationship building
- Safety week - fire drill (4 min 2 sec to evacuate school) and lockdown drill practice
- Math EQAO good results

VP Charlene Civello

- OSSLT: after school literacy sessions to start soon

- Sports teams starting up with tryouts
- Sept 20 Mentor training for Trudeaumania
- Sept 26 PA day
- Interim report card Oct 21

VP Ron Zoratto

- School Cash Online new this year - 1300 registered online, 30 student volunteers on registration day with some parents still coming in to pay in person; can be used also to pay for field trips
- Picture Day Sept. 14, Oct 5 - re-take day

Principal Debbie Linkewich

- Role of Principal & VPs
- School population: 2083 students, 130 teachers and 6 EAs
- School website – good information source for parents
- Over 60 clubs including Trudeau Pride and
- Course changes difficult with this large student population as manually have to be done
- Lunches in all periods to maximize classrooms so no more Gr. 9 lunch unfortunately
- Some Gr. 9 FI only here for this year until new Cornell school opens next Sept.
- Advised parent involvement is a significant factor in student achievement; parents are welcome to contact the admin if any issues but if course related, suggest to do so before the end of the course when action might be taken
- Talked about this day when the school had no internet so no phones, no computers, no photocopying – shows how dependent we all are on technology but impact on students was interesting as they noticed more of their surroundings eg. Posters/displays around the school
- Life lessons to share with parents and students on hard work, resilience and do the right thing

School council chair Julie Lum

- Welcomed parents and advised great to see such a great turnout.
- Discussed past school council initiatives such as career and pathways night in Feb which will be run again, speakers before school council meetings.
- PRO grant for \$1000 approved again this year
- Welcomed any questions/concerns and provided school council e-mail address:
pierre.elliott.trudeau.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca

Community member and PRO grant committee head Robert Malhotra

- Spoke about what we have done in the past with PRO grant on theme of “ From Student Learning to Lifelong Success”
- Welcomed parents to join the PRO grant committee to plan this year’s workshops/speakers

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: October 20, 2016 @ 7 pm.