Pierre Elliott Trudeau
School Council Meeting, September 18, 2013
Minutes

2012-2013 Co-Chairs: Robert Malholtra, Amar Tambar
2013-2014 Co-Chairs: Julie Lum, Carline Young

- In attendance: Principal: D. Linkewich. V. P’s: P. Viscomi, G. Tsigaridis, S. Cheong.
  Staff: T. Harrison, J. Shep, A. Mulchand
  Council Members: R. Malholtra, Amar Tambar, C. Li, S. Edwards, C. Stappas, E. Wen, J. Lam, K. Mark. See attendance for complete list of other attendees

- WELCOME/INTRODUCTION/REGRETS
  Robert Malholtra introduced himself, introductions of all attendees
  Regrets - Nil

ELECTION PROCESS
- Robert Malholtra reviewed the history of the School Council, Council is not a fundraising group, works toward increasing school spirit and parent communication.
- Presents two School Council graduation awards.
- Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month except, December, March and June. Meetings often include a guest speaker.
- Council has a constitution, last revised in 2012/2013
- Sixteen positions to be elected include four executive: Co-Chairs (2), Secretary, Treasurer. Then twelve Members at Large plus a Community Rep.
- Roles of each described

ELECTIONS
- Elections for School Council positions:
  - Co-Chairs –Julie Lum and Carline Young- acclaimed
  - Treasurer –Nithy Sathy – acclaimed
  - Secretary –Lingyun Tong – acclaimed
  - Members at Large –12 Members- acclaimed
  - Community Rep – Robert Malholtra - acclaimed

STUDENT REP – Gary Li (Grade 11 student)
- Described his role in Student Council- will bring a monthly update of student events but all clubs are listed and described on the PETHS website.
- Extra Curricular Activities: Murder Mystery, Photography Club, Robotics, etc., Dragon Boat Racing.
- Trudeaumania- Grade 9 field trip to promote bonding. Older students work as group leaders.
- Grade 9 Reps to be elected after Trudeaumania
- Activity Pass (Student ID) is available for discounts on school events during the year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- Minutes read by all in attendance
- Motion, to approve May 15, 2013 minutes, by Julie Lam, seconded by Kai Mark, carried
- Approved Minutes will be posted on the PETHS website.
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – SIP

- **School Improvement Plan SIP** - strategies to achieve goals. Encourage student participation.
- **SIP** has three main goals - **Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving**, **Pathways Planning**, and **Student Wellness** (coping with stress and pressure)
- **Principal Debbie Linkewich** led discussions on strategies to achieve the goals of **SIP** by posing questions for attendees to discuss in groups.

**Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving**

**Question:** What activities, experiences, lessons would improve Critical Thinking?

**Responses:** Model United Nations, Travel / field trips, Teacher Passion/ Communication of CT while applying CT to all lessons, Media Analysis, focus on approaches to problem solving.

**Pathways Planning**

**Question:**

**Responses:** Available options regarding Universities, Colleges and Trades, experience onsite exposure to various careers.

**Student Wellness**

**Question:** How to deal with setbacks and problems?

**Responses:** Parental positive encouragement when mistakes are made - learn from mistakes. Peer group for mentoring/ support in difficult situations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nil

STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS

**Administration**

- **D. Linkewich**
  - **Lockdown Drills** - one per semester. **Fire Drills** - three per semester
  - **New School Addition** - West Wing! has been completed with 16 classrooms, Wireless, second 21st Century lab, eco water bottle fillers
  - Approval for extra teachers for second semester to accommodate extra students etc

- **P. Viscomi**
  - Introduction as new Vice Principal
  - Sept. 19th Thurs. 7pm. Reps. From York University and George Brown College will be at PETHS for an information evening
  - Sept. 27-29th Universities

- **S. Cheong**
  - 450 Gr. 9 students registered for 2013/14
  - Orientation Day went well
  - Trudeauamania teams posted in front lobby for Gr. 9 students
  - Gr.9 elections after Trudeauamania
  - Photo Retake Oct. 4th - Check photos online

- **G. Tsigaridis**
  - EQAO results available Sept, for Gr. 9 students
  - OSSLT Literary results available end of Sept., Gr.10 graduation requirement
  - Literary Course available for students requiring extra help

**Staff**

**Theresa Harrison**
• Welcomed parents/guardians to visit main office
• Report absences
• Newsletter sent to all email addresses

**John Shep and Amrita Mulchand**
• Importance of Parent support
• Encourage higher thinking skills

**Parents and Community**
• **PRO Grant** Awarded to PETHS for $1000 to support the **SIP** programme.
  Initiative for parents to attend informative and relevant lectures by guest speakers.
• PETHS joint meeting of school councils November 20, 2013

**NEW BUSINESS**
• Agenda will be sent out before meetings. Approved Minutes will be posted on the PETHS website.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**
• Motion to adjourn, R. Malhotra, seconded, carried