

Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Parent Advisory Council

Minutes of May 22, 2013

1. Attendance: Ron Cadieux, Michelle Williams, Patti Mullen, Sandra Gould, Kelina Parent, Marilyn Kolody, Yvette Doell, Lauren Hadeller
2. Call to order: Patti Mullen 6:30pm
 - a. Approval of Agenda - approved with the following changes – Student report and Administrator`s report to reverse.
 - b. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2013
 1. Minutes of March 13, 2013 approved as presented. 1st Kelina Parent, 2nd Marilyn Kolody, Carried, Unanimous
3. Student Report – Lauren Hadeller – see attached.
 - a. Biggest challenge facing the council this year was the transition and learning to work together. Current administration challenged students and reviewed traditions on the way council activities were conducted.
 - b. Many very successful events had taken place this year, including the distribution of Christmas hampers. All was very proud of partaking in this and helping those in need.
 - c. Discussion followed on all that has taken place; the council has risen to the challenge and accomplished a well done job.
 - d. The format for applying to run for student council will be changing in the upcoming year. Previously the council has been voted in mainly by popularity and hopefully the new way will get more students involved who necessarily may not have previously.
4. Administration Report – Ron Cadieux, Michelle Williams – see attached
 - a. Discussion followed on student attendance
 - b. All students who took the DELPH testing this year, has passed.
 - c. Parent Advisory Council meeting dates for the 2013-2014 school year. All meeting will have a start time of 6:30pm and be held in the staff lounge. AGM September 18, 2013, November 6, 2013, Jan 22, 2014, March 12, 2014, May 21, 2014.
 - d. September 25, 2013 will be the open house.
5. Chairperson`s Report – Patti Mullen
 - a. Correspondence
 1. Fundraising info passed on to Kelina for the upcoming school year. Question: Does admin have any requests for funds from the council? None at this time – will review again in September.
 2. Letter from the Manitoba Legislative Assembly regarding Bill 18, anti bullying bill. www.pc.manitoba.com for more information. An email for MAPC regarding Bill 18 will be forthcoming and also the MAPC position statement. Discussion followed.
6. Treasurer`s Report – Patti Mullen – No Change at this time
7. Other Reports
 - a. Fundraising – Tabled till September 2014 meeting.
 - b. Staff Luncheon – All went well. Money donations or food donations was requested from parents. A good response was had. Suggest generating a new email list of parents for the use of those organizing to use for events such as this.
 - c. Increasing parent involvement in council – discussion followed on identifying why parents get involved and options on how in get more involved. Information exchange, events, and fundraising are some main responses why parents do get involved.

Administration advises that the feedback they receive from those in attendance is invaluable to them. These meetings are one outlet available for addressing parental concerns. A primary role is a link and main form of interaction between school, families and the community. More participation would be welcome and ways of raising attendance needs to be reviewed. Patti will do something to include in the next school newsletter on behalf of the council. Discussion followed on how to get more involved. Planning an event where parents may do an activity, possibly in conjunction with the student council was suggested. This may be a good idea for the open house in September – admin will review.

- d. Secretary report – Sandra Gould – All outstanding minutes will be typed and made ready for the upcoming new secretary. The next meeting in September is the AGM and the minutes from the last AGM in September 2012 will need to be approved at that time. The minutes from this May meeting will not need to be approved until the next regular meeting in November. All including the sign in sheet and the agenda will be made ready and be in the secretary binder that will be left with the school secretary at the end of August. The main minutes binder located in the office, has been updated.

8. New Business/Round Table

- a. 2013-2014 meeting dates – addressed under Admin report.
- b. The way Parent/Teacher interviews is conducted is being looked at for next year, after some parents has expressed concerns.
- c. Open house is scheduled for September 25, 3013. A low turnout was had last year and staff is looking at ways to increase attendance. Admin hopes to have representation from parent advisory council and also the student council.

9. Meeting Adjourned – Patti Mullen – 8:30pm