

September 2009

Dear Parents,

Along with the new school year, comes a new year with the Collège Pierre Elliott Trudeau Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). On September 16th, the CPET PAC met and formed a new executive. The 2009-2010 CPET CAP Executive is as follows:

Chair - Patti Mullen
Vice-Chair - Kalina Parent
Treasurer - Kim Corlett
Secretary - Sandra Gould
UNESCO Representative - Naomi Kruse
Volunteer Coordinator - Cathy Suggitt

Welcome to Patti Mullen, Kalina Parent and Naomi Kruse our new executive members!

On behalf of the CPET PAC, I would like to thank Sandy Owczar and Cathy Cook for their work on the Executive during the 2008-2009 school year (and Sandy for many more years!!). A HUGE thank you goes to Sandra Gould who really kept the Executive going and organized. Thank you so much Sandra for your hard work! Thank you to all the other Executive Members for your hard work and dedication. And lastly, thank you to Estelle Lamoureux and Ron Cadieux for their support and commitment to providing the best for our children.

The Collège Pierre Elliott Trudeau Parent Advisory Committee is an integral part of the school community. The members of the CPET PAC believe their participation in the PAC enhances their children's educational, social and emotional experiences at CPET. Unfortunately, the PAC remains a small group of individuals. In our attempts to get other parents involved, we have become acutely aware that parents are reluctant to join because they believe that their membership will result in a "job to do" either as an executive member or as a fund raiser. In the past school year, the PAC has been engaging in discussions about what the purposes of the parent advisory committee are and what is that we really do at our meetings. Most would be surprised to find out that assigning jobs and fund raising are quite low on our priority list.

The CPET PAC would like to invite you to join our conversation about what the purpose(s) of the PAC is and how we can make the PAC serve the school community and community at large more effectively. We have begun a process

of identifying what our purposes are as individuals and as a group. Attached is a *working document* intended to help guide our conversation. At our next PAC meeting (November 18th), we will be discussing global purposes and looking at what is working and what is not working; as well as, brainstorming some suggestions. We invite you to join the conversation in one of three ways:

1. Join us at our next PAC meeting on November 18th.
2. Read over and complete as much or as little of the attached charts and return them to the school by November 10th.
3. Complete the ballot below and return it to the school by November 10th.

ANY FAMILY WHO JOINS THE CONVERSATION (IN ONE OF THE 3 WAYS LISTED ABOVE) WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$25.00 SOBEY'S GIFT CERTIFICATE. DRAW TO BE MADE AT THE NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING.

I look forward to meeting some new faces at our meetings this year. Thank you in advance for your feedback to the PAC.

Yours truly,

Kim Corlett
Former CPET PAC Chair

SOBEY'S GIFT CARD BALLOT

NAME: _____

CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S): _____

What would you like from the CPET PAC? (How can the PAC enhance your family's school experience?)
