Welcome all parents to this year’s first school council meeting.

Introduction of all attendees

School Council Election

No nominations were received by the school for school council. Janine Sutcliffe volunteered to serve as chair, which was acclaimed by all in attendance.

SAC Report
- Currently SAC comprises 13 members and are holding interviews for the 2 grade 9 positions which are vacant.
- Recent activities – Terry Fox run and BBQ
- Future activities – will be selling SPC cards for $10 each, out of which SAC will earn 3.50 per card. These funds will be used for future fundraisers. A Nov. 30th semi-formal is also being planned.

Principal’s Report

Update:
- Sept. 22nd weekend – Department Heads retreat where discussions were held on emerging technologies and teaching trends
- School enrolment for 2017-2018 is above projection of 1061 currently sitting at 1149 students. This has resulted in the need for 3 additional teachers. Affected students (mostly upper years) will have new timetables as a result, changes to take effect Monday Oct. 1st.

Pro-Grant application – Reaching Out Through Parent Education

- Council applied for a $1,000.00 grant and we should hear by the end of September if we have been approved. This year, we have partnered with another organization (Peel Family Education Centre). In the hopes that we are approved, our next council meetings will be as follows:
  o Tuesday October 30th – Homework Survival Strategies Workshop
  o Tuesday November 27th – Parenting Teens Workshop
  o Tuesday February 26th – How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk
School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2018 7:00pm-8:30 pm in the Library

Discussions:

- Question regarding communicating with teachers – best method is to arrange for a phone call, either by emailing the teacher (firstname.lastname@peelsb.com) or calling the school directly. Face-to-face meetings can also be arranged. Guidance counsellors are another good resource if there are concerns.
- Question regarding clubs and extra curricular activities – there are many options at the school, most take place during lunchtime. There was a list on the back page of the Fall Chinglights mailer, and more details can be obtained from the office or guidance counsellors
- Question regarding volunteer opportunities for students – options within the school include helping in the library or at Open House. Ash mentioned the Beyond the Hurt school club. More options can be obtained from guidance counsellors.
- Question regarding the weight room – it is open during lunch, and after school typically until 4 pm. It is always supervised when open.
- Question regarding police in the school – Peel Police are welcome in the school, they have been known to offer coaching to school teams and engage with the student population in a meaningful, positive manner.
- Question regarding space for Friday prayers – space is made available when requested. Although there were a few students taking part last year, to date there have been no requests this school year.
- Question regarding Cashless Schools – no response regarding the technical issue one parent encountered, suggestion was to try to register again.
- Question regarding late busses – many busses have been late since the school year started, the school has been in touch with the bussing companies in order to try to resolve the issues.
- SK gave a brief overview of exam schedule – the school follows an exam timetable which mirrors the regular school date. First day of exams will be for the period one classes, second day of exams will be for the period two subject matter, etc.
- Question regarding the ski trip and club – more details will be forthcoming from the Phys Ed department.

Closing remarks:

Thanking everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

2018/19 School Council Meetings will be held at 7 pm in the Library, on the following evenings:

- September 25, 2018  Parent council elections
- October 30, 2018  Homework Survival Strategies Workshop
- November 27, 2018  Parenting Teens Workshop
- February 26, 2019  How to Talk so Teens will Listen and Listen so Teens will Talk workshop
April 30, 2019  Planning for 2019/2020

School Council Meeting Tuesday, October 30, 2018
7:00 pm - 9 pm
Location: Library