



York Region Presidents' Council

Meeting #3

Wednesday November 3rd, 2004 @ R.H.H.S.

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STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Representatives Denise Beltchez and Dean Bodkin who last visited YRPC last June, came to inform the Council about their Study Mission to South Africa which they underwent from October 18, 2004 to October 22, 2004. This foundation raises funds for AIDS and HIV research. It has already attended such high schools as Thornhill, Denison and Markham. They are Canada's envoy to the United Nations for these diseases and they are lobbying for improved conditions.

In South Africa alone, 7000 people die due to AIDS and HIV and there are close to one million orphans in Africa. There is also a selection process for those who receive the retro-viral drugs which is devastating for the 4 million people who should have the drugs.

The Foundation is broken down into three branches; communication (to raise awareness and understanding about AIDS and HIV), curriculum development (where discussion of these diseases are being brought up in physical education classes from grades 7 to 12) and fundraising.

For more information about the Stephen Lewis Foundation and what schools can do to assist them visit the link through www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

YRSAC

A representative of the York Region's Sports Athletic Council by the name of Jav visited the Council this meeting. This Council meets every other Monday (including Monday November 8th) at Aurora High School. Jav gave information about a leadership conference which they hold as well as a volleyball fundraiser which they are currently working on. To contact Jav, his e-mail address is spiderjav15@hotmail.com

NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE GUIDELINES

Student Trustee Daniel Hernandez informed the Council that a new guideline has resulted in two Student Trustees being elected in the Spring.

AFFILIATION FEES

Thanks to the gracious support of the York Region District School Board, there will be no affiliation fees for the YRPC members.

SUB-MINISTRY SIGN-UP

Prime Minister Becky Walker passed forms around for Non-Executive Members who wish to participate in the Sub-Ministry Positions.

BLACK/GOLD LIST

Prime Minister Becky Walker re-introduced the concept of blacklisting companies that have treated their clients poorly and goldlisting companies that have treated their clients well. She requested members to approach her if they had any such companies in mind.

SOCIAL

The aforementioned Social event was put to a vote between dinner/Laser Quest and dinner/bowling. Since the vote was so close, it was alluded that both events will take place, one for each semester. The first of these will take place on a Friday during late November or early December.

CONFERENCE DECISIONS

The executive council then requested any further requests of conference themes. The only new suggestions were: “1980s Movies” and “Monsters”. The next request for theme colours drew a variety of combinations the likes of:

- Pink/yellow
- Yellow/blue
- Blue/orange
- Red/black
- White/green
- Green/yellow
- Pink/orange
- Pink/black

The Executive Committee requested the schools present to continue to think of ideas for the theme and colours.

SHARING

The new system of “Sharing” divides the potential ideas into topics to make the session more organized.

Dances

- The school of Emily Carr reported that they had a turnout of about 500 people at their last dance and made approximately \$1000 at \$5/ticket. They believe that this success was partially due to the DJ company DJ Emporium.
- Denison also achieved a successful dance, this time by increasing the ticket sales a week before the dance in order to get a large amount of money quickly
- Markham District enjoyed a glow-in-the-dark dance sponsored by “Glow-Show”
- Richmond Hill High School has had Hawaiian dances in which girls are given leis in homeroom classes to “lei” boys in order to come to the dance

Character Committee Information

- The following schools have held some sort of a multicultural show; Thornhill S.S., Bayview S.S., Maple, Markville, Middlefield, Langstaff and Westmount.
- Some creative ideas have included; soccer video games between countries, fashion shows, booths, food, and dancing.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Daniel Hernandez invited members of the Council to request concerns to bring up in the next York Region District School Board Meeting. Langstaff requested more information regarding outsiders in school dances and Bayview S.S. had concerns about the safe school policy.