



## York Region Presidents' Council

### **Meeting #6**

**Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 @ R.H.H.S.**

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#### **HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COALITION**

Ms. Susan Taylor, the director of Human Resources Planning, visited the Council at this meeting. This organization is run through York Region and brings service providers together (such as health, education, safety etc.) Ms. Taylor stated that this organization is looking for up to four Youth Representatives to give the students' opinions regarding various issues. Prime Minister Becky Walker compiled a list of those members who were interested in acting as youth representatives.

Ms. Susan Taylor can be contacted at (905) 830-4444 or at [susan.taylor@york.ca](mailto:susan.taylor@york.ca).

#### **CORPORATES**

Minister of Corporate Affairs Jasmine Wong told the Council that although Breakaway Tours was unable to attend the Corporate Rotations meeting, they would like to offer two free trips to Montreal during the March Break. Council members filled out the designated ballots and the two winners were selected at random.

IFlurtz, another company that was unable to attend the Corporate Rotations, is now offering 10% off any order made by a Student Council within the YRDSB.

Jacor Marketing presented the concept of purchasing clothing *exclusively* from them. If this were to be put into effect, there would be discounts for all YRDSB Student Councils on future transactions. However, the YRPC will not be participating in such transactions.

#### **STUDENT COUNCIL MANUAL**

In order to help the Student Councils across York Region, Prime Minister Becky Walker appealed to the councils to bring in their Student Council constitutions and other Student Council information for the next meeting (Wednesday December 15, 2004). This is to assist in the compilation of a Student Council Manual which will undoubtedly aid the Councils with the planning and the execution of future activities.

#### **TRUSTEE GUIDELINES**

Student Trustee Daniel Hernandez distributed the new, revised edition of the Student Trustee Guidelines before asking the Council to vote on its approval. The approval was given unanimously.

## **CHOCOLATE**

The selling of Mars bars commenced at this point and the purchasing went very smoothly and efficiently. Each bar is being sold for seventy-five cents, or 20 bars for only thirteen dollars. From now on, the chocolate will be sold at all meetings until there is none left.

## **SHARING**

### *Dances*

- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. gold-listed the DJ company Streetbeat and believes that a “snack shack” which was implemented during their semi-formal dance was a key factor in its overall success
- Langstaff S.S. believes that a coat check is an effective tool to be used during dances
- Both Westmount C.I. and Thornlea S.S. brought forth the concept that the promotion *before* the day of the dance is crucial
- Richmond Hill H.S. prefers to cater to the grade nines in the school in order to build on the idea of “new beginnings”
- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. uses their price variations as a promotional technique. For example, the price of dance tickets will be lower during the early stages of ticket selling than it will later on
- Thornlea S.S. often acts casual about their dances so as not to “over-hype” and potentially repel prospective ticket-buyers
- Langstaff S.S. sells their tickets by literally asking people in the halls to buy tickets
- Richmond Hill H.S. using a similar technique yet if the person chooses not to buy from them, simply ends by saying “Well, I’d still like to see you there...”

### *Fundraisers*

- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. was somewhat unclear on how a “battle of the bands” would take effect
- Thornlea S.S. recently held a musical performance which involved two stages (i.e. one for rock music and one for acoustic music) in order to keep the event running continuously while bands were setting up
- Westmount C.I. uses the individual performers’ names as part of their overall promotion for the event
- Vaughan S.S. held a similar contest with prizes and attendees voted on the winner using their own tickets and handing them to representatives following the performances
- Both Thornlea S.S. and Westmount C.I. made participants sign contracts prior to the competition to reduce the risk of destructed equipment. They also enforce a band deposit fee.
- Both Westmount C.I. and Maple H.S. realized that free-style performances are not feasible because of the restrictions on the language used
- Richmond Hill H.S. allows students to have their birthday announcements read on the morning announcements for a fee of \$1.00 each.

- Westmount C.I. allows students to post announcements on a message board for a price as well
- Westmount C.I. also held a fundraiser for the Sick Kids Hospitals in a “shave to save” program in which teachers and students were sponsored to shave their heads
- Thornlea S.S. sold beaver tails with the assistance of Aramark. The fundraiser went very well and Aramark received a dollar’s worth of every beaver tail sold while the Student Council collected the rest of the money.
- Westmount C.I. related that the selling of school rings was very successful although none of the profits went towards their Student Council
- Markham D.H.S. ran an effective food drive by which each homeroom class sponsored one family
- Westmount C.I. brought forth the concept that schools with a “no-hat” policy could run a fundraiser by charging students \$0.50 to wear a hat (with a tag identifying that they have paid)
- Westmount C.I. displayed the different connotations portrayed by “buy-ins” and “buy-outs”

#### *Character Ed. Related Events*

Prime Minister Becky Walker requested students to speak about the events that their schools have implemented regarding “Character Matters”.

- Markham D.H.S. has created a display based on “hope, faith and dignity”
- Westmount C.I. has created a “Character Matters” breakfast for students who have demonstrated strong applications of these important traits
- Westmount has also held a “fajita festival” to raise funds for “Free the Children”
- Vaughan S.S. has created a world issues club in which students gain awareness of the different matters that occur internationally

### **SKILLBUILDER/SECURITY APPLICATIONS**

At this point a sign-up sheet for those requesting to be Skillbuilders or Security at “Alive ‘05”(The YRPC Conference) was passed around for the Council members to fill out.

### **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Daniel Hernandez requested issues which student would like to have brought up in the next Student Trustee Report at the YRDSB Public meeting.

- Vaughan S.S. related that there have been arson attempts in their school bathrooms
- Thornlea S.S. was wondering about whether they are allowed to broadcast sensitive issues during the morning announcements