



York Region Presidents' Council

Meeting #7

Wednesday December 15th, 2005 @ R.H.H.S.

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SECURITY/SKILLBUILDING APPLICATIONS

The meeting began with the distribution of application forms for those interested in being nominated for the positions of Security or Skillbuilder for the YRPC leadership conference “Alive 2005”.

YRPC WEBSITE

Prime Minister Becky Walker informed the Council that the YRPC website is up and running (<http://www.studenttrustee.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/yrpc.htm>). This website contains the YRPC minutes, reminders and general information regarding the YRPC.

STUDENT COUNCIL MANUAL

She then requested ideas in order to assist with the compilation of the “Student Council Manual”: a guide to help the York Region Student Councils run as smoothly as possible. Some suggestions provided were:

- Markham D.H.S. believed that the Manual should include information about dances (e.g. preparation, promotion etc.)
- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. requested that there be information about teacher advisors
- Markham D.H.S. also thought that a description was required for each of the Student Council positions

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

The YRPC sold Mars bars (in keeping with the meeting prior) as a form of fundraising.

STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustees Daniel Hernandez and Amy Tipton announced that the Toronto Catholic District School Board will be celebrating Asian Heritage Month by conducting activities such as a sports tournament and “Asian Idol”. They encouraged students to ask questions following the meeting, if they were interested.

The Trustees then discussed an innovative presentation which schools can perform for their feeder schools. This presentation is meant to “encourage students to get involved in their schools and communities, to discuss student governance, to explain how students can get involved and the benefits associated with it, to answer their questions, and to gain feedback from their perspective on what’s going on in their schools”.

SHARING

Holiday Festivities

- Markham D.H.S. encouraged students to get into the holiday spirit by holding a door-decorating contest
- Both Richmond Hill H.S. and Markville S.S. fundraised by selling candy grams
- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. held a showing of a holiday movies
- Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. held a musically themed holiday assembly. To promote this event, the announcements were sung and sometimes acted as commercials between classes
- Emily Carr S.S. put up a holiday tree and students paid \$1 to put a ribbon or a candy cane onto the tree (proceeds went towards the Stephen Lewis Foundation)
- Thornhill S.S. gave free pancakes to the first 50 people to come to school
- Markville S.S. invited students to dress up as their favourite holiday character

Dances

- Thornhill S.S. recently held their semi-formal at Crystal Fountain banquet hall. Although the hall was great, the conduct of the students was somewhat lacking

Fundraisers

- Markham D.H.S. raised over \$9000 for charity through sponsorships for a 5-kilometer run.
- Markville S.S. held a multicultural fair complete with hair-braiding, henna tattoos, a palm reader and food. They raised over \$200 for Amnesty International
- Dr. J.M. Denison S.S. sold stuffed animals (dogs) and were very successful
- Vaughan S.S. and Richmond Hill H.S. will be having their talent shows in the near future