



York Region Presidents' Council

Meeting #15

Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 @ R.H.H.S.

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LOVE PRESENTATION

Mike Prosserman from *LOVE* (Leave Out Violence) visited the YRPC to inform the Council about this anti-violence organization as well as the *Hip Hop Away from Violence* tour. This event is a Hip Hop talent show (which is geared towards high school events) and includes short youth presentations from the Canadian charity Leave out Violence telling of their experiences and how they have overcome violence in their lives. For more information, visit www.leaveoutviolence.com.

ALIVE '05 FEEDBACK

This was the first meeting after the very successful YRPC conference ALIVE '05. In regards to this, Prime Minister Becky Walker requested suggestions on how this conference could be run even more effectively in years to come. Feedback included:

- Reading the “hunger poem” in session groups as opposed to in one large group;
- Further structuring the ID tag system;
- Waking up the delegates, security members, skillbuilders and executives earlier to make the most of the weekend;
- Beginning to write the “warm fuzzies” the night before leaving the conference;
- Allocating a larger amount of time between the skillbuilder and security retreats and the conference;
- Having a group dinner (consisting of the skillbuilders, security members and executives) prior to the conference;
- Further involvement by security members;

CONFERENCE REUNION

Plans to organize a reunion are underway and the Council was asked for suggestions. Several ideas include: attending a Blue Jay's game, going to Putting Edge and renting out a hall for a dance. Renting out a hall seemed to be the most well received option.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Amy Tipton announced that the fundraising activity *Character for Cotlands* (a project supported by the Stephen Lewis Foundation which promotes awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa) will begin selling red silicon bracelets. The bracelets each have the phrase “KNOW CARE ACT” on them and are available to schools who wish to sell them. For more information, contact Project Coordinator Dean Bodkin at dean.bodkin@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

The elections for the two new Student Trustees will be held at the next YRPC meeting on May 4th, 2005. The two current Student Trustees Amy Tipton and Daniel Hernandez provided information on the role of this position.

SHARING

- Westmount C.I. and Emily Carr S.S. recently had an assembly to raise awareness of AIDS in Africa.
- Westmount C.I. is also selling white shirts with painted AIDS bracelets on them.
- Westmount C.I. is holding a movie night organized by the school’s Music Council.
- Langstaff S.S. is holding festivities to celebrate our planet in conjunction with Earth week.
- Langstaff S.S. and Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S. held successful “Battle of the Bands” talent shows.
- Bayview S.S. is inviting students to get sponsors in support of the CN Tower climb to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund.
- Markham D.H.S. is undergoing plans for the Student Council elections.
- Markham D.H.S. is also planning a school-wide cancer campaign.
- Richmond Hill H.S. recently invited the aforementioned LOVE organization to present at a school assembly.
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S. is holding a book drive to collect reading materials for children in less developed countries.