



## York Region Presidents' Council

### Meeting # 1

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 @ R.H.H.S., 6pm**

*Minutes Compiled by Matthew Colphon – Minister of Records*

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Schools Represented: Aurora H.S.; Bayview S.S.; Dr. G. W. Williams S.S.; Dr. J. M. Denison S.S.; Emily Carr S.S.; Langstaff S.S.; Maple H.S.; Markham District H.S.; Markville S.S.; Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.; Richmond Hill H.S.; Thornhill S.S.; Thornlea S.S.; Westmount C.I.; Woodbridge College.

- 1) Opening statements made by YRPC Prime Minister Tania Kolesnik regarding YRPC's purpose and goals.

*YRPC is an organization consisting of Presidents, Vice-Presidents as well as a third representative of your choosing for all 28 public high schools in York Region. We collectively represent the voice of all York Region students in the York Region District School Boar., YRPC is an organization that enhances and promotes communication and co-operation between student councils in York Region. In addition, we act as a liaison between the students and the Board of Education!*

- 2) Elections for Conference positions:

- Minister of Entertainment: Safa Ali (Thornlea S.S.)
- Minister of Corporate Affairs: Greg Leroux (Aurora H.S.)
- Minister of Fundraising: Zuzanna Tabak (Aurora H.S.)
- Minister of Conference: Brian Landa (Westmount C.I.)
- Minister of Security: Micheal Grief (Westmount)
- Ministers of Skillbuilding: Josh Brooks, Byeong Chang (Markham District H.S., Westmount C.I.) *This is the first time that YRPC will be having 2 ministers of skill building for its conference*

*Thank you to all those who ran and congratulations to YRPC's new executive members!*

- 3) Student Trustee Husein Panju spoke about the Student Trustees' role on YRPC and in the YRDSB.

*The role of the Student Trustee is to act as a liaison between the students of the Region and the Board. It is their job to represent the needs of all students and ensure that their voices are heard. YRPC is an excellent venue to do so as it is comprised of a diverse group of students from all over York Region.*

Please visit <http://www.studenttrustee.yrdsb.edu.on.ca> for more information on the Student Trustees. Questions or comments regarding student trustees can be sent to either Husein Panju ([husein.panju@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:husein.panju@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)) or Abbas Lakha ([abbas.lakha@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:abbas.lakha@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)).

- 4) *Sharing: Sharing is a time during YRPC meetings during which representatives from each school's student councils have the opportunity to share upcoming events, recent events, problems encountered with their councils, and helpful suggestions. Representatives may also address the YRPC as a whole as well as the student trustees at this time.*

Aurora H.S.

- Held a very successful grade 9 welcome day on site
- Will be have a grade 9 Blue Jays day within the next few weeks
- Is selling SPC cards
- Completed the Terry Fox run
- Grade 9 representatives are to elected next week (4 positions)

Bayview S.S.

- The Premier Agenda Company forgot to deliver the school's agendas during registration, but was very helpful in distributing the late product and subsequently hosted a pizza party for their student council
- A dance for grade 9's is upcoming
- A grade 9 welcome day is also upcoming

Dr. G. W. Williams S.S.

- Grade 9 welcome day at camp Robin Hood will be held on Friday, September 30
- A 1980's themed spirit day is being planned
- Is planning to promote dance with a western themed day/"Ho-Down" event

Dr. J. M. Denison S.S.

- Held rookie day (an on site grade 9 welcome day)
- Will be having a grade 9 Blue Jays day within the next few weeks
- Ran the Terry Fox run with the entire school (1500 people!)
- Hope to increase the number of dances
- Hope to have a dance-a-thon soon
- Will be running spirit week next week with daily spirit raising events
- Plan to have a masquerade theme for semi-formal

Emily Carr S.S.

- Held a grade 9 welcome day, recommends camp Robin Hood
- Are selling many SPC cards, and recommend to other schools to use a 'blitz' format where people are pushed to sell a certain number of cards
- Music department will be running its own grade 9 day soon

Langstaff S.S.

- 1<sup>st</sup> dance is Sept 22: sold out of tickets (480 people). Are planning to sell ice cream at the dance to gain money for hurricane Katrina support
- Successfully held a grade 9 Barbeque

Maple S.S.

- Grade 9 and 10 representative elections were yesterday, good turnout of 8 and 4 people respectively
- Grade 9 day is on Sept 27, on site
- Are planning a spirit week with juice chugging contest, pie eating, musical chairs, and more!

Markham District H.S.

- Grade 9 welcome day upcoming at Woodland Trails Camp
- Spirit week will be held October 3-7, concluding in the annual "Markham Bowl" football game on Friday October 7
- Girls' rugby team is selling SPC cards

Markville S.S.

- Held a grade 9 welcome day at Camp Robin Hood
- Completed the Terry Fox run

Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.

- Held a grade 9 welcome day and recommends Camp Green Acres
- Are hoping to run an all night event, would like help from other schools

Richmond Hill S.S.

- Spirit Carnival will be held on Sept 22
- Recommends that all student councils invest in shirts for identification

Thornhill S.S.

- Upcoming Grade 9 retreat at Camp Green Acres
- Held a dance on Sept 15; sold tickets to grade 9's at registration creating a large turnout
- Entire school ran the Terry Fox run, raising over \$7,000
- Club fair and senate elections are Sept 28

Thornlea S.S.

- Grade 9 welcome day is next week; the school is looking for game suggestions from other councils
- First dance is Sept 22
- Doing a charity Penny Drive

Westmount C.I.

- Held grade 9 welcome day, recommends Camp Green Acres

- Are selling SPC cards
- Completed the Terry Fox run

Woodbridge College

- Is planning a lot of grade 9 directed activities
- Has already held a grade 9 Barbeque
- Grade 9 day is upcoming at Camp Green Acres

*Thank you to all those who attended the meeting for the full 3 hours and a special welcome to all schools or councils who came for the first time!*