



## York Region Presidents' Council

### Meeting #3

**Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ R.H.H.S., 7pm**

*Minutes Compiled by Matthew Colphon – Minister of Records*

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Schools Represented: Aurora H.S.; Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.; Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.; Emily Carr S.S.; Maple H.S.; Markham D.H.S.; Milliken Mills H.S.; Newmarket H.S.; Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.; Richmond Hill H.S.; Thornlea S.S.; Vaughan S.S.; Westmount C.I.; Woodbridge College

- 1) Presentation by Michael Prosserman for the Leave Out Violence campaign.

*The Leave Out Violence campaign is a program directed at high-school students intended to eliminate violence in their areas. Currently, the campaign is planning its "Hip Hop away from Violence" tour which incorporates talent show elements and acts such as hip hop dancers, beat boxers, extreme martial artists and other performances, along with a speaker who will visit any interested schools in order to raise awareness on stopping violence. The performance and speech have lots of flexibility as far as which elements may be incorporated, and there is no cost to schools for this. For more information, email the campaign at [leaveoutviolence@hotmail.com](mailto:leaveoutviolence@hotmail.com) or call Mike at 416-938-9693.*

- 2) Skillbuilder applications for YRPC's conference this spring are now available. For more information regarding skillbuilding or for a skillbuilder application form please email [skillorbuild@hotmail.com](mailto:skillorbuild@hotmail.com).
- 3) Security applications for YRPC's conference this spring are now available. For more information regarding conference security or for a security application form please email [mgrief@gmail.com](mailto:mgrief@gmail.com).
- 4) Sharing

Aurora H.S.

-Pynx Productions will be supplying their dance

Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.

-Successfully hosted an 80's theme day

-Their first dance will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, featuring a western how-down theme

-Hosting Andy Thibodeau, motivation speaker

Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.

- “Spookapalooza” dance will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>

Emily Carr S.S.

- Hosted a spirit week featuring Pajama day and Bling Bling day
- Hosted a teacher appreciation breakfast
- Upcoming “Thriller” dance October 27<sup>th</sup>

Maple H.S.

- The Friday pep rally at Maple High School was cancelled due to confusion about the status of their football team
- Are hosting a dance next week
- Interested in obtaining information regarding a Vegas or Casino night.

Markham D.H.S.

- Music Council held a “Food Fight” food drive
- Grade 9 Music retreat will be held October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Week and Markham Bowl (football game) were held with great success. Recommend the use of spirit money as prizes during the week then having a giant auction at the end of spirit week.
- Successfully chose their grade 9 representative after a turn out of 27 candidates

Milliken Mills H.S.

- Will be hosting a hypnotist October 28<sup>th</sup>

Newmarket H.S.

- Successfully hosted their first dance at the end of last month, all proceeds went to Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief efforts
- Are fundraising for the Asian earthquake, including a paper bag lunch day where all students pack a lunch and donate the money they would have spent

Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.

- Trudeau day will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and recommend getting cake from Costco should you ever require one
- Will be holding Halloween events soon
- Are hosting a dance soon and they asked if anyone has worked with DJ “King Kong” in the past

Richmond Hill H.S.

- Hosted their autumn fest day including bowling, foam sword (“spirit stick”) duels and donut eating among other things
- A semi formal will be held in November

Thornlea S.S.

- Is having their spirit week
- Will be having a fashion show and a Halloween costume day

Vaughan S.S.

-Ran a penny drive for the recent Asian earthquake, raising \$1000.00.

Westmount C.I.

-Next week is Spirit week featuring a movie marathon

-Andy Thibodeau will be speaking on October 31<sup>st</sup>

-Will be running a charity drive for the Asian earthquake

Woodbridge College

-Held their "BLAST" grade 9 day

-Since one of their students has recently passed away, further events have been temporarily suspended

5) DECA presentation

*DECA is a business based club supporting leadership, social awareness, civil consciousness and career decision making. This organization which includes more than 5,000 members in Ontario hosts conferences and regional competitions, which provide networking with other schools, and trains students to be successful in life. For more information email Muhammad Amarshi at [Muhammad@deca.ca](mailto:Muhammad@deca.ca) or visit DECA online at [www.deca.ca](http://www.deca.ca).*

6) Student Trustee Husein Panju

*Student Trustee Husein Panju spoke on the importance of having student councils represent their schools to him so that he and Student Trustee Abbas Lahka can accurately represent the voice of YRDSB students. To facilitate this, a calendar has been set up where student councils can sign up for dates where one of the student trustees will visit their school, preferably during a student council meeting.*

*Mr. Panju also took input for revision of the Student Transportation Policy. Concerns included overcrowding on many school bus routes, buses with inefficient routes, overlapping bus routes, buses that arrive at schools late or just on time during the morning. Schools that have only one round of buses coming which discriminate against students involved in clubs, and pay-for-use busing at certain schools where it did not exist previously. Suggested revisions to the policy include arranging more routes with York Region Transit (public transportation), designated carpooling, reducing route overlap, sending out contracted taxis for small groups of outlying students instead of full buses, creating centralized stops for groups of students, and encouraging a bus population limit. Additional suggestions or concerns can be emailed to Student Trustee Husein Panju at [husein.panju@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:husein.panju@yrdsb.edu.on.ca).*