



York Region Presidents' Council

Meeting # 8

Wednesday, January 11th, 2006 @ R.H.H.S.

Minutes Compiled by Matthew Colphon – Minister of Records

Schools Represented: Aurora H.S.; Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.; Langstaff S.S.; Maple H.S.; Markham D.H.S.; Middlefield C.I.; Newmarket H.S.; Richmond Hill H.S.; Thornlea S.S.; Vaughan S.S.; Westmount C.I.

1) Sharing

Aurora H.S.

- Held its annual holiday assembly featuring bands, and a student council video.
- Will possibly be holding a dance in February.
- Matchmaker compatibility surveys will be coming out soon.

Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.

- Hosted another amazing dance, dubbed the "Holiday Hock". Once again this dance featured Wayne Jones DJ costing only \$550.
- Held their first holiday assembly in several years, drawing some 300 people.
- raised \$450 in a penny drive
- Semi formal will be hosted at The Manor at Carrying Place golf & country club in Kettleby.

Langstaff S.S.

- This month is spirit month
- The Most Outrageous Group Activity of making the largest ball of chewed bubble gum has been noted in the local paper. For more information about MOGA, go online to http://www.cahperd.ca/nationalschoolchallenge/challenges/challenges_06Moga.cfm.

Maple H.S.

- Held "Frost Fest" winter assembly

Markham D.H.S.

- President of MDHS suggests getting your council to write reflections as a way to measure progress on council
- Held its annual holiday assembly
- Will be running Iflurtz compatibility matching program

Middlefield C.I.

-Held a charity holiday assembly. Tickets sold raised over \$500

Richmond Hill H.S.

-Held 30 hour famine attracting 400 students and raising over \$9,000. The event included an evening of gaming and other activities to celebrate the achievement. For schools concerned with the famine and possible links to anorexia, it is to be noted that the famine promotes awareness, not starvation, and that participants are allowed to eat rice, which Aramark provided to these students.

-Held their Star Search holiday concert

Thornlea S.S.

-Thornlea's council is in a serious situation where all of their funds have been given to other clubs and has left them with no money and cancelling all events this year. As a result, quick, low or no cost fundraising solutions were volunteered by other schools, including

-Corporate sponsorship

-Organizing a large scale event after some capital has been raised, such as working with a movie theatre or bowling alley to raise funds

-Finding out where money given to the school from Aramark has gone

-Organizing a battle of the bands where the bands bring in their own equipment and then charge for tickets

-Obtaining a donated lazy boy chair, then doing a rent-a-chair raffle where the chair is raffled off to a student who gets it carried by student councillors to all their classes

-Running a teacher karaoke day, where students pay to see teachers sing, and top raising teachers will sing more

-Holding a rent-a-date, and selling off students to the highest bidder

-Male teacher leg waxing day

Vaughan S.S.

-Hosted a well attended dance with 330 people, featuring DJ Baby U

-Will be playing a spirit game soon, where all the girls receive hearts and can not speak to boys lest they lose their heart

-Will be selling Valentine's Day roses

Westmount C.I.

-Will also be doing the Iflurtz compatibility program

Dance Promotion Ideas (as given by various schools)

-Rely strongly on word of mouth

-Start numbering tickets at 100 so that no one feels they are the first to come

-Announce the last day of ticket sales to encourage people to buy tickets sooner, and then extend the date after that

- Push people to buy tickets at the door if they haven't bought after the last lunch hour
- Play music near where the tickets are being sold
- Get louder people in the cafeterias to announce that dance tickets are being sold
- Put stickers announcing the dance on cafeteria food items
- Hand out reminder cards and spread them over tables to remind people of the dance

2) Mr. Tse brought forth an engagement some may be interested in Barbara Hall, the former Mayor of Toronto and Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, will be hosting a presentation called "Diversity and Civic Engagement – Listening to the Whispers". The presentation will take place on Monday, January 30, 5.30 – 7.30 pm at Metro Hall (55 John Street), room 308, and is part of the Toronto Young Leader Series. Admission is free and a light supper is provided. For more information or to RSVP contact Terry Williams at twilliams@cucweb.ca, by fax at 416-975-4859 or by phone at 416-975-1889 ex. 30.

3) Conference description and update

"Conference", YRPC's largest event, is a 4-day leadership and character building retreat. This conference gives delegates the opportunity to meet students from all over York Region, as well as the participation in tightly knit session groups of about 10 people. The conference also features many entertainers and speakers, as well as a corporate rotation for student councils. Conference is a very personal and life changing experience for all those who participate, making it an invaluable experience. This conference takes place annually at Camp Trillium, located 45 minutes west of Hamilton, and will occur April 27-30, 2006.

-Skill building (leader) and security application deadlines have been extended to January 25

-Delegate applications will be sent to all schools in the near future. Selection of delegates is at the discretion of each school or student council, but it is recommended that younger students who show potential but who haven't come out yet become delegates, as well as students who are likely to return and give back to the school what they have learned at conference.

The next YRPC meeting will take place on January 25 from 7-9pm at Richmond Hill H.S. For more information about the YRPC contact YRPC Prime Minister Tania Kolesnik at yrpcpm@hotmail.com