



York Region Presidents' Council

Minutes -General Meeting #6

December 20th, 2006

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Logo Contest:

- Any submissions for the logo contest can be handed in now or in the New Year, but it needs to be done ASAP.

Student Trustee Updates:

- **“Community Use of Schools” Fee Increase.**- Groups/Organizations can pay for the use of schools. Fees apply to all organizations not covered by ministry grants.
- **Technological Education Centre.** Several schools are being renovated to provide improved technology labs – more information is available for affected schools. Please contact your school’s Trustee if you have any questions or concerns.
- **“Educating Together” A Handbook for Trustees, School Boards and Communities** - There are five new trustees who have just taken office following the recent Municipal Election. A publication from the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association entitled “Educating Together – A Handbook for Trustees, School Boards and Communities” is being provided to all trustees for information.
- **Current Issues: What do you think?**- Would York Region students be interested in a ‘Handbook’ to learn more about the school system? If so, what types of information would students want included?

Responses:

- Contact information; who to contact when you have a problem at school (ie. Cafeteria prices, school bus routes);
- Special programs or courses not offered at our schools.

Darfur Awareness Month:

- **Project Equity**- several ideas include: different programs and presentations about Darfur and what the situation is there; providing a training course for students all about Darfur; and having teachers assign optional projects for their students, such as researching the current conflict, making awareness posters, etc. Any schools that are interested please contact the YRPC, as this will be a powerful learning experience.

Security Update:

- Security members stay up all night patrolling the grounds at the YRPC Annual Conference. Individuals in this role get to bond with other security members and promote a safe conference environment. The applications for the competitive position of Security Member are due by Friday December 22, 2006.

Delegate Information:

- Being reviewed for the New Year - students who sign up early will receive an early bird special. Each individual can attend the conference as a delegate only once and there is a maximum of 150 delegates allowed at the Conference (excluding Security Members). By February 18th the total number of skillbuilders will be confirmed and we will be able to finalize the number of delegates who are planning to attend. We will try to accommodate as many people as possible in order to offer the conference experience to the largest number of students.

Sharing:

- Langstaff S.S.- Club day, dance with much music which they recommend. Door decorating with prize and volleyball intermurals.
- Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.- Semi-formal theme is 'Fire and Ice' at Crystal Fountain. Tam (Student Council President) has started T.A.L.E.N.T.; a club for performing artists. This club will consist of an administrative team, a finance team, a bulletin board team etc. He hopes to expand this club, and create a York Region wide T.A.L.E.N.T. club in the future.
- Markham District H.S.- Dodge ball tournament, door decorating and holiday assembly with teacher acts.
- Emily Carr S.S.- 'Winter Play' is the semi theme, talent show and ping pong intermurals.
- Westmount C.I.: First ever Semi was a great success with 240 people in attendance; dodge ball, door decorating and school play (Romeo and Juliet) coming up.
- Unionville H.S.: Student Council charity work at Pathways, teacher Karaoke, raffles and winter assembly.
- Huron Heights S.S.: the Semi-formal had 110 people show up and was held in their cafeteria. Tomorrow night is their holiday dinner: a full course holiday dinner for the homeless is provided and buses will go to retirement homes to provide the elderly with dinner. It is a huge event with people from the Yellow Brick House and Salvation Army participating.
- Aurora H.S.: Holiday assembly, council dinner, Sound Spectacular was the holiday concert and it went on for two months, food drive (raised over 2000 cans), semi theme was 'Winter Wonderland' and they had 375 students attend.