



York Region Presidents' Council

Minutes-Meeting #1

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Our Goals for YRPC

We are looking to reach out to high schools in York Region by raising awareness. In order to do so, we will be communicating with the numerous student councils throughout York Region.

Sub Ministries

The Minister of Social Affairs and the Minister of Public Affairs would like to have a ministry. Students that are interested should contact Nikta Javanfar and Farheen Alim.

Social Affairs

War child is a fundraiser for children in war torn countries. We are looking to raise money by having a benefit concert. We want to help raise global awareness by having the students become more involved. Students will be more aware of the news by listening to it over the PA system. Schools that would like a formal letter can email Nikta.

Student Trustee Update!

Jen and Sepideh described the Student Trustee Booklet. Those students who would like to volunteer their school's initiatives can email the trustees as to what is occurring in their school. October 10th is the Provincial election in Ontario and they are encouraging students to vote by having a parallel election. They are trying to keep schools non-partisan.

Sharing:

Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S.

They had Trudeaumania, which is an orientation day for the grade nines. On Pierre Elliot Trudeau's birthday (Oct. 18th) they will be serving cake to the students. They recently had Club Week where students are given the opportunity to advertise their club to the other students. Some Spirit Day ideas include; Camp Day, Colour Day, Twin Day, Pyjama Day, Superhero Day, and Twister Game Day.

Thornlea S.S

They had Grade Nine Welcome Day at Green Acres. They served a Teacher Appreciation breakfast. They had their Student Council Retreat. Fun Fridays, occur once a month, where students are allowed to create their own ice cream sundaes (iron chef themed).

Westmount C.I.

They had Grade Nine Welcome Day at Green Acres. Grade representative elections are next week. Their Leadership Conference is called TIME '07 and will be held from October 25th to October 27th.

Langstaff S.S.

They had Grade Nine Welcome Day at Camp Robin Hood. On Halloween they are decorating the cafeteria as a haunted house.

Emily Carr S.S.

They are having a Spirit Day, Culture Day, and Teacher Appreciation Day. For their Halloween dance they are looking at companies such as GTA, Immense, and Expire.

Thornhill S.S.

They had Grade Nine Welcome Day at Green Acres. They had a Club Fair and assembly so that students are more familiar with the clubs in their school and given the opportunity to sign up. They created a Clubs Council so that the clubs can work together and there won't be any conflicts about the dates of events. Terry Fox run is coming up. A Halloween themed dance is underway. Semi-formal is November 29th.

Markham District H.S.

They will be having Octoberfest where clubs and bands can come out. They had Grade Nine Welcome Day. They will be having a Grade Nine music retreat where canned food is the admission price.

Aurora H.S.

Their Darfur t-shirts (made by American Apparel) arrived. Elections for grade representatives are coming up. Announcement speakers have been selected.

Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.

Elections are tomorrow during fifth period. For their dance they are using Pandora Productions. Student Council Retreat was at Green Acres. On Halloween they are going Trick-or-Treating asking for canned goods (called Tricky).

Newmarket H.S.

They are having a dance, which is Mardi gras themed and they are using Pandora Productions. They also had Grade Nine Welcome Day.

Bayview S.S.

They had Grade Nine Welcome Day called Mosquito. They are having a United Way campaign. The AIDS committee is raising money by having students offer a coin for every country. They also had a Clubs Fair.

Markville

They had their Sac Attack where everyone is let out early and enjoys the school carnival. Grade Nine elections are coming up. They will be having a food drive. They are having a buy-in to see an illusionist.

Special Guest: World Vision

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with families regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. They have created fundraisers such as the 30-hour famine and the gift catalogue to raise money and awareness.