

October General Meeting

Fletcher's Meadow SS, 6 to 8 PM

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Meeting Minutes:



In Attendance:

Anagh Goswami – Gordon Graydon Memorial SS
Darius Chia - Glenforest SS
Deyana Sameh – York University
Fatin Chowdhury – Glenforest SS
Hamna Amjad – Turner Fenton SS
Ian Mcgillivray – Cardinal Leger (graduate)
Jeffrey M – St. Francis Xavier SS
Khalid Brammer-Blackman – Sandalwood Heights SS
Megan Lee – St. Francis Xavier SS
Mursal Sameh – Westview Centennial
Navreet Kaur – Turner Fenton SS
Philip Markowski – St. Francis Xavier SS
Reebha Sharma – Glenforest SS
Rohit Mehta – University of Toronto Mississauga
Samiya Jahan – Heart Lake SS
Simone Hacikyan – St. Francis Xavier SS
Sumaiya Jahan – Hear Lake SS

Topics/Ideas Shared:

Sandalwood Heights SS (Khalid) → <http://forthesakeofgreen.freehostia.com/>

- EcoMentors
 - Decided to use the “EcoMentors” idea, but create their own “training”
 - To introduce how to reduce your carbon footprint (Workshops)
 - Will hopefully have follow-up sessions
- Found that a more productive group means holding people responsible, and not allowing people to use the club just so that they can put it on their university applications

Glenforest SS (Reebha)

- Plan to have an Earth Day assembly (which they haven't previously)
- Have begun to check on rooms to make sure lights and computers are turned off when not in use
 - Have gotten a lot of excuses, and have to chase after the teachers
 - Computers may have automatic shutoff

Heart Lake (Samiya and Sumaiya)

In previous years:

- FlickOff campaign was very successful (had notices on top of each light switch)
- Recycling Heroes (comic and live role-play)
- Fashion Show with clothing made from reused materials
- Organic food bake sale
- Art contest (Canadian Tire was going to donate a bike, but unfortunately there were no entries)
- Found that having a supportive Administration and Staff made a huge difference in what could be accomplished
- Also have a very dedicated group of students

Planning for this year:

- Garden Classroom (a natural amphitheatre with native species)
- Waste Reduction Month
- GOOS (Good On One Side) bins put into classrooms and not just offices
 - Bins filled by students, teachers and Enviro. Club members
 - Can be used as scrap paper before being recycled
 - Could be promoted during locker-cleanouts
- “Bring your own Tupperware” for cafeteria food

May use incentives to get students to participate (ie. Free cookies, etc.)