

Student Trustee Senate Retreat School Support Services, Meeting Rooms 2A and 2B Wednesday, February 22, 2017

<u>Members Present</u> <u>Student Trustees</u>: Karling Luciani Welland Centennial Secondary School

Samir Alazzam Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

Trustees: Sue Barnett

*School Representatives:

Erica George A. N. Myer Hasna Khalil Governor Simcoe Tristan Smid Beamsville Kyle Martin Laura Secord Krithika Srikanth Beamsville Josiah Royal Laura Secord Mariah Crevier Welland Centennial Nick Bussi Port Colborne Port Colborne Makenna Noves Welland Centennial Carol Booker Zach Harrietha DSBN Academy Kassidv Desmarais **RCBHS** Kiara Kalenuik DSBN Academy Madelyn Beam **RCBHS** Evan Ren Amelia Durocher Sir Winston Churchill Eden Rebecca Koole Malcolm Cavanagh Sir Winston Churchill Eden Tessa Piccolo E.L. Crossley Eli Mokrzynski South Lincoln Abby Loewen E.L. Crossley Noah Desruisseaux South Lincoln Kassy Sparks Eastdale Holden Gauthier St. Catharines Collegiate Trina Voicey Eastdale Olivia Moreau St. Catharines Collegiate Grace Dobbie Fort Erie **Emily Hilborn** Stamford Liam Jewel Fort Erie Alexis VanBallegooyen Stamford Will Reil Abdullah Khalid Thorold Grimsby Sienna Lalonde Grimsby Ash Raii Thorold Amal Qayum Westlane

*Based on students who "signed-in"

Administrative Advisors: Ms. Paula MacKinnon, Superintendent of Secondary Schools

Ms. Ann Harrison. Student Achievement Leader. Student Success

Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Ms. Linda Oliverio, Vice Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jennifer McGugan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets: Diane Chase, Trustee

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Karling and Samir welcomed the group and outlined the plan for the day.

Approval of the Agenda

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School motioned the agenda be approved. Eden High School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

South Lincoln High School motioned that we approve the minutes, seconded by St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School. Motion carried.

Icebreaker Game- Student Trustees

Karling and Samir lead an icebreaker game with the senate to encourage everyone to interact with one another.

Amendment Proposal to Policy A-01 (Student Trustees on Boards)

Members of the Senate gave feedback on a proposed amendment to policy A-01 that would make the term for student trustees 2 years.

<u>Presentation to DSBN Academy and Student Trustee Senate - Chris D'Souza : Equity and Human Rights Strategist</u>

Chris D'Souza spoke about equity, dignity and inclusion. He used an interactive presentation with questions and music to give the message that we should be kind and reach out those around us each day.

Lunch Break: 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Question and Answer with Chris D'Souza

Students discussed the focus of the Student Trustee Event planned for May 6, 2017. Chris emphasized the importance of inclusion and dignity. Students were encouraged to bring the community together and start a conversation.

Committees Update

The Logistics Committee has the building booked and the city permit submitted. Police will be notified when the city permit is approved. The custodial staff for the event need to be confirmed, as well as the number and location of tables to be used at the event. The plan for the route map has been started. The committee is looking in to St. John's Ambulance and tents for the day of the event. Details about registration have not been finalized. The committee will arrange to have volunteers, pylons, rope, signs, etc. to help with the management of the event activities.

The Communications Committee identified three reasons for holding this event: 1) Have school communities come together 2) Help people feel comfortable in their own skin 3) Despite world events have everyone feel accepted. The committee plans to reach out to faith leaders, city directories, elementary schools, parents, city council meetings. The plan for the event swag includes: a draw string bag, a water bottle, a wrist band, a bandana and possibly lanyards. The focus of the event is dignity, inclusiveness and community. We want to promote inclusivity, not let differences separate us and value all equally.

The Finance Committee has drafted the sponsorship letter and prepared a list of organizations to approach.

The Food and Drink Committee has confirmed the following food trucks for the event: Cucina (Italian) and Chang Noi's (Thai) for the event. Other plans include popcorn machines, apples and granola bars for each swag bag. The committee is also going to contact the following food trucks: Beaver Tails, Holy Grill (Halal), Bench on the Go (Niagara College/Vegan). The committee is waiting for a response regarding a water truck.

The Entertainment Committee is planning to have a playlist of music for before the walk begins and drumlines during the walk. After the walk, the committee discussed having four live bands, games and activities (colouring station, inflatables, sack races, tug-o-war, face painting, Pictionary and bubble soccer)

Upcoming Student Trustee Election

Ms. Harrison notified the senate of the upcoming Student Trustee Election. The application deadline is April 3th, 2017. Ms. McGugan will sent out the application package to the senate, the Student Trustee Senate Advisors and the Administration at their schools.

Closing remarks

Samir and Karling thanked everyone for coming and participating in the retreat.

South Lincoln High School motioned to adjourn the meeting and Stamford Collegiate Secondary School seconded the motion. Retreat adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Education Centre – Board Room