



**Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

Members Present

Student Trustees: Karling Luciani Welland Centennial Secondary School
Samir Alazzam Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Trustees: Sue Barnett and Diane Chase

***School Representatives:**

Erica George	A. N. Myer	Hasna Khalil	Governor Simcoe
Julianna Mihelic	A. N. Myer	Sendy Rivas	Governor Simcoe
Tristan Smid	Beamsville	Kyle Martin	Laura Secord
Vani Sharma	Welland Centennial	Josiah Royal	Laura Secord
Makenna Noyes	Welland Centennial	Brooke Bulitz	Port Colborne
Zach Harrietha	DSBN Academy	Laryn Youngblut	Port Colborne
Kiara Kalenuik	DSBN Academy	Bryce Bailey	RCBHS
Evan Ren	Eden	Madelyn Beam	RCBHS
Tessa Piccolo	E.L. Crossley	Malcolm Cavanagh	Sir Winston Churchill
Abby Loewen	E.L. Crossley	Eli Mokrzynski	South Lincoln
Kassy Sparks	Eastdale	Noah Desruisseaux	South Lincoln
Grace Dobbie	Fort Erie	Holden Gauthier	St. Catharines Collegiate
Liam Jewel	Fort Erie	Emily Hilborn	Stamford
Sienna Lalonde	Grimsby	Abdullah Khalid	Thorold
		Ash Raji	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

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome:

Student Trustees (Karling and Samir) welcomed the senate members to the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Stamford Collegiate Secondary School. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School motioned that we approve the February 22, 2017 Student Trustee Senate Meeting minutes, seconded by Beamsville District Secondary School. Motion carried.

4. Role of a Student Trustee:

Ms. MacKinnon shared with the senate members and candidates what the role of a Student Trustee entails. Student Trustees should be entering grade 11 or 12, maintain a minimum academic average, have interest in leadership and have prior involvement in school, extra-curricular and/or community based activities. Student Trustees are elected at every school board and are non-voting members that bring the student voice and perspective to the Board. The role of a Student Trustee involves a time commitment that included attending board meetings, committee meetings and planning meetings. Student Trustees are student leaders that bring student concerns and perspectives forward to be considered in Board of Trustee decisions. They also consult and inform the Student Trustee Senate about DSBN issues of interest and concern to students. Each year with the support of the Student Trustee Senate they implement initiatives decided on by the Senate.

5. Election Procedure:

Student Trustee, Karling, presented the election process to the senate, specifying that each candidate had 3 minutes to present and would receive a 30 second time warning. The senate was instructed to review the package that each school received, which included a presentation list, and copies of the candidates' application forms. Karling explained that each school would receive one ballot and to keep their selection of two candidates confidential. Senate members were instructed to vote for one 1 year term candidate and one 2 year term candidate. The senate was informed that the ballots would be collected and counted by the staff advisors and student trustees.

6. Election Presentations

The following ten candidates applied and presented to compete for the two Student Trustee positions:

1 YEAR TERM CANDIDATES

Rayyan Ebrahim	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Erica George	A.N. Myer Secondary School
Emily Hilborn	Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
Vani Sharma	Welland Centennial Secondary School
Tristan Smid	Beamsville District Secondary School
Tyren St. Cyr	Governor Simcoe Secondary School

2 YEAR TERM CANDIDATES

Kelsey Bowman	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Kiara Kalenuik	DSBN Academy Secondary
Shelby Laing	Welland Centennial Secondary School
Amal Qayum	Westlane Secondary School

7. Ballots:

Elections were held after all of the candidates had an opportunity to present a speech to the voting members. Each secondary school had one voting ballot to indicate their two selections (one ballot per school). Superintendent Paula MacKinnon, Ann Harrison, Susan Santesso, Linda Oliverio, Karling Luciani, Samir Alazzam and Jennifer McGugan conducted the ballot tallying process. There was a tie for the 1 year term candidates and a second ballot was conducted to elect this position.

Networking Break 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

8. Election Results:

Karling and Samir thanked all ten candidates for their presentations and announced the results of the ballots. Emily Hilborn from Stamford was elected for the 1 year Student Trustee 2017-18 Term and Amal Qayum from Westlane was elected for the 2 year Student Trustee 2017-19 Term.

9. Report from Trustees:

Trustee Diane Chase reminded the senate that there are new policies up for review and feedback. She encouraged the senate to participate in providing feedback. Trustee Chase reported that the Denim, Diamonds and Diplomas event at Brock University raised \$20,000 for academic bursaries. Trustee Chase noted that Greater Fort Erie School will be opening in the fall, and the recent Accommodation Review resulted in the closing of South Lincoln High School in 2017, Grimsby Secondary School and Beamsville District Secondary School both closing in 2020 and a new school facility being built to accommodate students in the West Niagara area, contingent on ministry funding. Trustee Chase shared that Prom Project was a success in our participating secondary schools. Trustee Chase thanked Karling and Samir for the work they have done this year and noted that they represented the students and board very well.

10. Report from Student Trustees:

Karling presented a summary of the "Show Your Colours" walk planning stages and reminded the senate about expectations for the planning, as well as responsibilities on the day of the walk. The senate members were reminded to: promote the walk in their schools and on social media; reach out to personal connections for community partners and sponsors; invite family and friends to participate; make sure the volunteer and registration forms with money are gathered and submitted this Friday, April 20th, 2017; promote student bands to reach out to the school music teacher about playing at the walk. Karling invited the senate to come out May 3, 2017 at 4 pm at the Education Centre to help with assembling swag bags and tie-dying the senate shirts for the walk.

11. Around the Table

A.N. Myer

- Myer semi – May 3rd – hosting at Myer, theme 'Midsummer's Dream'
- Myer Mental Health Week – ordering shirts, food trucks booked, and activities planned
- Coffee House – Biggest one yet, selling knick-knacks, bake sale, showing off our talented arts students
- Born to Lead Women's Conference – strong, powerful students were chosen to attend the conference and discuss/understand the true meaning of a confident woman

Beamsville

- Easter Fun Fair – an Easter egg hunt with fun activities (face painting, henna, tug-o-war, potato sack races, tractor and pony rides)
- Bucs Movie Night – free snacks and watched the Princess Bride

Centennial

- Coffee House – Art, music on display, singer and poem performances, free treats
- Courtyard dance – spring dance is outside in the courtyard
- School wide Easter egg hunt – class with the most eggs divided by students present won the prize of a giant egg
- Watermelon fest – free watermelon, watermelon contest, watermelon candy prize

DSBN Academy

- Fancy Friday to let people know about prom project
- Semi-formal April 27th

Eastdale

- Eastdale's amazing race April 13th – teams of 4 competed in seven challenges with one team eliminated each round
- Easter egg hunt throughout the school with prizes for each egg
- MOGA coming up on June 9th – inflatables/food/water balloons/freebies/face paint

Eden

- Hawaiian spring dance – second school dance in Eden history, first dance very successful
- Clothing drive – a competition to raise the most clothes, they will be donated to the Ontario Recycling Council and Value Village, initiative for Earth Week
- Spirit assembly – celebrate school teams and individuals success, promote school spirit
- Grade wars – coming up in May, different grades compete with each other, activities (inflatables, food trucks, games) winner gets a huge prize

E.L. Crossley

- Veg Fest – second vegan festival, different days promoting vegan and sustainable diet

- May the Fourth be with You Dance – school dance with Star Wars theme and light show
- Big Event – day off school to celebrate year, play games, and de-stress before exams
- Emily Brettell Boat dedication – two boats donated to school and rowing club in memory of Emily Brettell, a student rower who passed away this summer

Fort Erie

- Spring Fling – dinner and dance April 28th
- Student vs Teacher game May 28th

Governor Simcoe

- Calming kits – kits created in hope to relieve stress and calm people within the school
- Food Truck Day – coming up in May, a nice day for students and staff to relax and enjoy food
- Guest speaker – Ian Tyson will come in and speak to our students
- Safe Talk training – selected students within the school were trained in safe talk
- SFE Dance – a grade 7/8 dance to raise money for Syrian refugees

Grimsby

- Cops vs Jocks basketball game – the NRP came and played a varsity co-ed team of GSS students
- Carnival – school carnival coming up in May, inviting South Lincoln to come hang out
- Hawaiian dance and Kool-Aid jammer fundraiser
- Carwash fundraiser

Laura Secord

- Lip Sync Battle – first open round, second round 6 contestants, students get involved

Port Colborne

- Pasta dinner – April 26th – annual, helps grade 8's with any worries about high school
- Grade 7/8 dance – April 27th
- Make change for children – annual, Easter, EFN
- March madness – basketball competition

Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School

- Wake-a-thon- May 5-6th to promote and raise money for mental health awareness
- Spring fest – grads release balloons, ice cream, last 2 periods, donut eating contest
- Dodgeball tournament – all grades, buy-out
- Easter egg hunt – chocolate hidden around school, golden egg and educational hint
- Earth day fair – Thursday – grade 8 come for the day

St. Catharines Collegiate

- Prom – June 9th

Sir Winston Churchill

- Sir Winston Walks – raised nearly \$10,000 to help Niagara Children's Centre buy equipment for rehabilitation

South Lincoln High School

- Semi-formal dance – Thursday – dinner and decorations, last dance for South Lincoln
- School touring day – grades 9, 10, 11 went to tour Grimsby and E.L. Crossley Prom

Stamford

- Earth Day Fair – this Friday we are running activities and a community clean up throughout the school day
- Mental Health Fair – we are working together with community partners to set up mental health awareness activities
- LINK crew – travelling to feeder schools to make connections with grade 8's before they even enter grade 9

Thorold

- Focus week (therapy tails)- arranged for dogs to visit the school to allow for de-stress and create a positive school environment
- NRP basketball game – collected money from buy-out towards after school programs
- Nick Foley – speaker came in to teach students about inclusion and acceptance of everyone
- Wake-a-thon – raise money for Me to We while not sleeping all night

Westlane

- Multi-cultural night
- Mental Wellness Initiative – therapy dogs and stress relief kits
- AIDS walk and grade 8 day
- Teacher vs student volleyball game

12. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

South Lincoln Secondary School motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eden High School. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Education Centre