



**Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

Members Present

Student Trustees: 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
Julianna Mihelic	A. N. Myer	Kyle Martin	Laura Secord
Tristan Smid	Beamsville	Alley Vail	Laura Secord
Krithika Srikanth	Beamsville	Brooke Bulitz	Port Colborne
Vani Sharma	Welland Centennial	Laryn Youngblut	Port Colborne
Zach Harrietha	DSBN Academy	Bryce Bailey	RCBHS
Kiara Kalenuik	DSBN Academy	Malcolm Cavanagh	Sir Winston Churchill
Rebecca Koole	Eden	Eli Mokrzynski	South Lincoln
Abby Loewen	E.L. Crossley	Noah Desruisseaux	South Lincoln
Trina Voicey	Eastdale	Holden Gauthier	St. Catharines Collegiate
Grace Dobbie	Fort Erie	Emily Hilborn	Stamford
Liam Jewel	Fort Erie	Abdullah Khalid	Thorold
Sienna Lalonde	Grimsby	Ash Raji	Thorold
Katie Holle	Grimsby		

**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: Trustee Diane Chase, Westlane Secondary School

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:

SLHS High School motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by SWC Secondary School. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Grimsby Secondary School motioned that we approve the April 18, 2017 Student Trustee Senate Meeting minutes, seconded by Welland Centennial Secondary School. Motion carried.

4. Report from Trustees:

Trustee Sue Barnett shared that the DSNB just held the CONNECT Conference and it was very successful. She also noted that the DSNB Concussion Summit recently held in Niagara is a premier conference that draws

professionals from all over. Trustee Barnett highlighted to the senate Young at Arts, a showcase of Kindergarten to Grade 2 art, and the Grad Art Show, a showcase of secondary graduate art. Some other activities that were highlighted are the Heritage Fair that is celebrating Canada 150 and Music Monday, which took place at every Elementary and Secondary School. Trustee Barnett told the senate that the Education Foundation of Niagara is raising funds for student bursaries to support DSBN graduates attending post-secondary education at their upcoming golf tournament.

5. Report from Student Trustees:

Samir shared that next weekend all student trustees (outgoing and incoming) are attending the OSTA-AECO conference in Toronto. Samir invited all of the senate members to an end of year dinner on June 13, 2017 at 6pm. He instructed the senate to look for details about the dinner on the Facebook page.

6. Show Your Colours

Karling thanked the senate for all of their work on the 'Show Your Colours' initiative and encouraged the senate to learn from the experience of the walk being cancelled. Karling introduced a 'Show Your Colours' day initiative. Student senators will be promoting 'Show Your Colours' in their school. The 'Show Your Colours' day is about how DSBN supports inclusion, dignity and community. Karling recommended that the Show Your Colours day be incorporated into an already existing event at the school. Participants at the school will be asked to wear school spirit wear, PINK Shirts, or other colourful shirts and announce 'Show Your Colours' with social media, school announcements and flyers. Student senators will use the 'Show Your Colours' display boards and take photos of students writing down why they matter. Pictures and photos of the 'Show Your Colours' day will be sent to Karling before June 9th. Student senators were asked to email Karling and Samir to let them know about the 'Show Your Colours' events going on in their school. Karling asked the senate members to discuss possible dates to hold their Show Your Colours initiative. Each school shared their idea for incorporating 'Show Your Colours' into their already scheduled school initiatives.

7. Student Trustee Senate Year in Review and Exit Card

Karling discussed the work and relationship building that happened in the senate over the year. Students participated in icebreakers, retreats and planning committees. Karling shared that she observed the senate members sharing ideas with one another and friendships being built.

Karling explained the exit card to the senate members. Ms. Santesso handed out the exit cards to each school. Each school provided feedback about what they thought worked well and what they would like to see change.

NETWORKING BREAK: 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

8. Perfect Attendance Draw Winners

Karling and Samir drew names for the perfect attendance prizes. Noah Desruisseaux and Liam Jewel won \$25 gift cards.

Karling and Samir asked graduating students to stand and share their plans for after graduation.

9. Around the Table

A.N. Myer

- Drunk driving awareness – May 8-12
- Initiatives in the cafeteria – MYER pong and mock tails for everyone
- MADD assembly
- Canada 150 week – May 15-18 – screening shirts, bake sale, henna, food trucks, pie in the face, Canadian jersey day, assembly
- Spirit Week – May 22-26 – spirit days, pep rally, battle of the grades, ball hockey tournament
- MYER Mosaic – May 17 – arts council puts on an evening of performances, food, art gallery

Beamsville

- Dance – May25 – neon lights, black light
- Anti-Stress week – near exam time, bubble wrap wall in the small gym
- Spirit Week – May 29-Jun2
- Prom – Jun 8

- Rankin Run – last Friday, teams with activities
- Twin Day – ice cream for everyone participating

Centennial

- Watermelon Fest – free watermelon for whole school at lunch in the courtyard, watermelon eating contest
- Courtyard Dance – May 25 – Hawaiian Luau theme
- Cougar fest – awards assembly in the morning, free lunch, inflatables, dodgeball tournament, food trucks and Show Your Colours

DSBN Academy

- Spirit Week coming up – combined with Show Your Colours
- Water balloon fight after exams
- Speak Up Grant – indigenous day May 31

Eastdale

- Spirit Week – crazy sock day, twin Tuesday, Well – dressed, and Eastdale Spirit
- Police vs. Students basketball game May 8
- MOGA – Jun 9 – biggest school event of the year, face painting, dunk tank, inflatables, cotton candy, water balloon fight, Show Your Colours
- Assembly about empathy – concert and speakers

Eden

- Grade Wars – fair and food trucks
- Heritage Week – cultural diversity awareness
- Eden Flyers day

E.L. Crossley

- Cyclone Day – games, celebrate year end
- Puppy Room – second puppy room at ELC coming in June
- End of Year Assembly – celebrating everyone's accomplishments this year
- Clothes Pin Survivor – everyone has a clothes pin with a name and they must pin the person they have

Fort Erie

- Carnival/Senior Day – May 26
- Student vs. Alumni Game – May 18

Governor Simcoe

- Food Truck Day – May 26 – incorporating Show Your Colours
- Road to Reconciliation – two days of Indigenous teachings and workshops for feeder schools and Simcoe student body
- Guest Speaker – Ian Tyson
- Comfort Kits – utilized Mental Health and Well-Being Grant to create stress relief kits that include many items, such as stress balls

Grimsby

- Carnival and Handball Tournament – slip n slide, dunk tank
- Prom Grade 12 – Jun 8
- West Lincoln Memorial Hospital 10 K fundraiser – teams
- Climate Change Assembly and garbage pick-up 2 weeks ago

Laura Secord

- Battle of the Bands – more bands than needed, Band t-shirt day
- Coffee House – Jun 14 (tentative) – last one outside
- Year-end picnic at Bissell's Hideaway

Port Colborne

- Talent Show for all grades
- Show Your Colours day and games in cafeteria wearing all spirit wear
- Prom for Grade 12 – ice cream bar fundraiser
- Dogs to destress before and during exams

Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School

- Spring Fest – May 31 – games and fun activities, incorporate the Show Your Colours initiative, balloons, carnival games
- Students vs Teachers dodgeball

St. Catharines Collegiate

- Prom – June 9th
- Saints Survivor – May 18 – all day event

Sir Winston Churchill

- Multicultural day – food trucks and celebrating cultural awareness
- Prom – hosted at Hernders Farms, celebrating our graduating class
- Spring Fling – a fun spring day, students gather and engage in fun activities
- SWC walks – walk to raise money for Niagara Children's Centre to purchase rehabilitation equipment
- Graduating Class – Inspirational speaker

South Lincoln High School

- Stress day before exams
- Open house for South Lincoln – food trucks
- Transition Week – getting kids ready for their move to other schools
- School Drama Play – 5 shows – South Lincoln alumni attended

Stamford

- Mental Health fair – next Friday we have stress relieving activities and community partners coming in to raise awareness for mental health
- 160th Celebration

Thorold

- Indigenous speaker came to talk to the school and then led a workshop
- TSS school wide scavenger hunt to promote participation
- TSS cares walk – clean up garbage and Show Your Colours
- Grade 4's from feeder schools are coming to learn more about TSS

10. Closing Remarks

Karling thanked the trustees, Diane Chase and Sue Barnett, and the planning committee, Ann Harrison, Susan Santesso, Paula MacKinnon and Jennifer McGugan. Karling reminded the senate about the end of year student senate dinner. Karling encouraged senators to promote Show Your Colours in their schools. Karling and Samir thanked the senate for their work and encouraged all returning students to participate in Student Trustee Senate next year.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

South Lincoln High School motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eastdale Secondary School. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Student Trustee Senate Retreat – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, St. Catharines Room, Education Centre, 191 Carlton St., St. Catharines, ON