



**Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

Members Present

Student Trustees:

Emily Hilborn
Amal Qayum

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
Westlane Secondary School

***School Representatives:**

Olivia Cotte	A. N. Myer	Tyren St. Cyr	Governor Simcoe
Aiden Tye	A. N. Myer	Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe
Tristan Smid	Beamsville	Robin Payne	Laura Secord
Evalyn Watson	Beamsville	Brooke Bulitz	Port Colborne
Elizabeth Chernyak	Eden	Caitlynn van Kralingen	Port Colborne
Anastasia Vakulich	Eden	Rayyan Ebrahim	Sir Winston Churchill
Ashley Battista	E.L. Crossley	Taylor Meechan	Sir Winston Churchill
Madelynn Davis	E.L. Crossley	Holden Gauthier	St. Catharines Collegiate
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Kyrah Nicholls	Stamford
Daina Thompson	Eastdale	Jocelyn Agyare	Thorold
Grace-Anna Pielt	Greater Fort Erie	Vani Sharma	Welland Centennial
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Jennifer Vo	Westlane
Sara van Ravenswaay	Grimsby	Daniel Krowchuk	Westlane
Leah Heinen	Grimsby		

**Based on students who "signed-in"*

Administrative Advisors:

Ms. Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Paula MacKinnon, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Regrets: Mrs. Jennifer McGugan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Ms. Karen Ferguson, Vice Principal, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School; DSNB Academy reps; Diane Chase, Trustee;

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome:

Amal and Emily welcomed the senate members to the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Laura Secord Secondary School motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Thorold Secondary School. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Port Colborne Secondary School motioned that we approve the February 21, 2018 Student Trustee Senate Meeting minutes, seconded by Westlane Secondary School. Motion carried.

4. Student Trustee Role:

Amal and Emily shared with the senate members and candidates the qualifications and responsibilities of a Student Trustee. Student Trustees should 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:

Emily 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. Emily explained that each school would receive one ballot and to keep their selection confidential. Senate members were instructed to vote for one candidate. The senate was informed that the ballots would be collected and counted by the staff advisors and student trustees. Amal congratulated the candidates for putting their name forward.

6. Election Presentations

The following five candidates applied and presented to compete for the one Student Trustee position:

Emma Biamonte	A.N Myer Secondary School
Kira Mrkalj	Westlane Secondary School
Grace-Anna Pielt	Greater Fort Erie Secondary School
Keylee Smith	Welland Centennial Secondary School
Alexander Ce Wang	Sir Winston Churchill 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 selection (one ballot per school). Superintendent Paula MacKinnon, Ann Harrison, Susan Santesso, Amal and Emily conducted the ballot tallying process.

Networking Break 6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

8. Election Results:

Emily and Amal thanked all five candidates for their presentations and announced the results of the ballots. Keylee Smith of Welland Centennial Secondary School was elected.

9. Report from Trustees:

Trustee Sue Barnett addressed the Student Trustee Senate. She asked the senators who would be going to University or College next year or coming back next year. She said that she was inspired by the senate. She spoke about the Change for Children, EFN campaign. She mentioned the art show, Young at Art, happening in the atrium. She also spoke about earning volunteer hours helping with Municipal elections. She spoke about the Tech Skills Banquet and highlighted some of the winners and schools. She also spoke about the CONNECT conference. She thanked the senate for working with her and said it was a pleasure.

10. Report from Student Trustees:

Emily and Amal gave information about the OSTA-AECO May 22nd Public Student Empowerment Day in Toronto. There are 12 spaces for DSBN students and these are available for senate members on a first come first served basis by contacting Emily or Amal directly.

An update was given about the DSBN Thrives Handbook. The handbook will be reviewed for final editing at the

May 15th Senate meeting. It will then be printed and copies sent to each school. Senate members were reminded to email photos for inclusion in the handbook.

Senate members were reminded of the Parent and Student Information Sessions for Post-Secondary being held this spring with the next dates April 26th 5:30 p.m. at Sir Winston Churchill and May 3rd 5:30 p.m. at Welland Centennial.

Emily and Amal shared how pleased they were to attend the Technological Skills banquet April 17th and how impressed they were about the accomplishments of DSBN students.

Senate members were reminded of the senate contest in support of EFN fundraising. There is a prize for the school that raises the most funds per capita and schools should enter their fundraising results on the link that has been sent out through the remind app to members. The deadline is May 11th with the winner announced on May 15th.

Emily and Amal shared information about the Art of Leadership conference that senate members attended on April 13th in Toronto.

11. Around the Table

Schools shared the activities going on at their schools for an EFN fundraiser and for a mental health initiative.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Laura Secord Secondary School motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thorold Secondary School. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Education Centre

Amal and Emily have invited all senate members to arrive at the Ed Centre for 5:00 p.m. for a social prior to the meeting with details to follow.