

## Student Trustee Senate Retreat Special Education Services Wednesday, February 21, 2018

### Members Present

Student Trustees: Emily Hilborn      Stamford Collegiate Secondary School  
Amal Qayum      Westlane Secondary School

### \*School Representatives:

Erica George	A. N. Myer	Tyren St. Cyr	Governor Simcoe
Julianna Mihelic	A. N. Myer	Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe
Tristan Smid	Beamsville	Robin Payne	Laura Secord
Abbey Parker	Beamsville	Brooke Bulitz	Port Colborne
Soleil Laroche	DSBN Academy	Caitlynn van Kralingen	Port Colborne
Chloe Gullion	DSBN Academy	Rayyan Ebrahim	Sir Winston Churchill
Elizabeth Chernyak	Eden	Taylor Meechan	Sir Winston Churchill
Anastasia Vakulich	Eden	Holden Gauthier	St. Catharines Collegiate
Ashley Battista	E.L. Crossley	Brooke Randall	St. Catharines Collegiate
Madelynne Davis	E.L. Crossley	Kyrah Nicholls	Stamford
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Olivia Sargeson	Stamford
Daina Thompson	Eastdale	Jocelyn Agyare	Thorold
Grace-Anna Pielt	Greater Fort Erie	Rylie Gambell	Thorold
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Lina Lashin	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. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success  
Ms. Karen Ferguson, Vice Principal, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School

### Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Jennifer McGugan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets: Ms. Paula MacKinnon, Superintendent of Secondary Schools; Diane Chase, Trustee; Sue Barnett, Trustee; Welland Centennial

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Welcome and Introductions

Amal and Emily welcomed the group and introduced themselves to new members. Icebreaker activities were led by Stamford Collegiate senate members.

### Approval of the Agenda

A.N Myer Secondary School motioned the agenda be approved. Thorold Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Approval of the Minutes

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

### Group Work

Emily and Amal highlighted the schools that have been posting their initiatives on Twitter using #DSBNThrives. Amal and Emily explained to the senate that they should go to a google form they developed to input information about the mental health initiatives they have been implementing in their schools. The senate members spent time working on this project.

Student senate members spent time sharing with the senate about the mental health activities and other activities going on in their schools.

### **Elections and Policy Review**

Emily and Amal explained the elections process and deadlines. They encouraged students to consider applying. Emily and Amal reviewed the STUDENT TRUSTEES ON BOARDS Policy A-01 to the senate. Amal noted that the Student Trustee Role will remain a two year term.

Emily discussed the time she and Amal spent at the OSTA AECO conference in Toronto last week. Emily was on the Ontario Student Voice Awards Committee and they worked on scholarships for students in Ontario. She directed students to look at <http://www.osta-aeco.org/> for details about scholarship opportunities.

<b>Lunch Break: 11:45 - 12:15 p.m.</b>
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### **UNLEARN**

Ms. Santesso led an UNLEARN workshop with the senate that involved challenging stereotypical and prejudicial thinking. Students viewed and discussed posters that were designed to challenge thinking.

### **Feedback – Post-Secondary Workshops**

Ms. Harrison and Ms. Taylor led a discussion around being prepared for post-secondary school. Students were asked for feedback on parent and student post-secondary preparedness workshops on the themes of social and emotional changes, accessing academic supports, financial literacy, apprenticeships and the world of work.

### **EFN Update**

Amal and Emily explained the student senate led EFN fundraising competition between schools. Schools have been encouraged to hold fundraising events for EFN. Senate members were asked to complete a google tracking form to keep a tally of funds raised at each school.

### **School Resource Officer Feedback**

A feedback form was handed out to be completed and returned asking the student senators about the role of the School Resource Officer.

### **Closing remarks:**

Amal and Emily thanked everyone for coming and participating in the retreat.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Eden High School motioned the meeting be adjourned at 2:30pm. Governor Simcoe Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday April 18, 2018  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Education Centre – Board Room**