



**Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Members Present

Student Trustees:

Amal Qayum

Westlane Secondary School

***School Representatives:**

Erica George
Julianna Mihelic
Elise Wilts
Soleil LaRoche
Chloe Gullion
Elizabeth Chernyak
Anastasia Vakulich
Madelynne Davis
Grace Dobbie
Isabella Daneyko
Sara van Ravenswaay
Leah Heinen

A. N. Myer
A. N. Myer
Beamsville
DSBN Academy
DSBN Academy
Eden
Eden
E.L. Crossley
Greater Fort Erie
Greater Fort Erie
Grimsby
Grimsby
Tyren St. Cyr
Isabelle Newkirk
Robin Payne
Caitlynn van Kralingen
Rayyan Ebrahim
Taylor Meechan
Holden Gauthier
Kyras Nicholls
Olivia Sargeson
Jocelyn Agyare
Vani Sharma
Shelby Laing
Daniel Krowchuk

Governor Simcoe
Governor Simcoe
Laura Secord
Port Colborne
Sir Winston Churchill
Sir Winston Churchill
St. Catharines Collegiate
Stamford
Stamford
Thorold
Welland Centennial
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Westlane

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

Administrative Advisors:

Ms. Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Karen Ferguson, Vice Principal, Stamford Collegiate
Ms. Paula MacKinnon, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Jennifer McGugan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets:

Diane Chase, Trustee; Emily Hilborn, Student Trustee; Eastdale Secondary School

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

E.L. Crossley Secondary School motioned that we approve the April 18, 2018 Student Trustee Senate Meeting minutes, seconded by Westlane Secondary School. Motion carried.

4. Report from Trustees

Trustee Sue Barnett highlighted the success of two DSBN led conferences, Concussion Summit and Connect. She noted that we have several students who competed in the Ontario Skills competition in Toronto. Students were encouraged to check out the Graduate Art Show at the DSBN Education Centre. Sue Barnett reported that she was involved in EFN fundraising effort and shared that there is an EFN Golf Classic fundraiser coming up.

5. Report from Student Trustees

Amal drew names for the perfect attendance prizes and Jocelyn Agare, Sara van Ravenswaay, Anastasia Vakoulitch won. Amal thanked the student leaders for all of their effort this year.

Amal shared that a group of student senators are attending the Public Student Empowerment Day on May 22 at the WE global Learning Centre in Toronto. Also, the OSTA-AECO AGM conference for outgoing and incoming student trustees is the same week and Amal, Emily and Keylee will be attending.

Amal shared that she and Emily participated in the Mindset Matters Conference held by the DSBN mental wellness team on May 8 at Club Italia. Mental Health leads Susie and Isaac worked with 6 secondary schools and some elementary schools to help each school showcase the mental health initiatives they are doing in their schools.

Amal shared that the #DSBNThrives Handbook is almost complete and each school will be receiving a copy in June. Amal asked that the book be placed in a location in the school where students will be able to access it.

6. Exit Card

Amal explained the exit card to the senate members. Each school provided feedback about what they thought worked well and what they would like to see change.

NETWORKING BREAK: 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

7. EFN Fundraisers

Amal thank the schools for participating and introduced Cindy Paskey from EFN. EFN helps DSBN students and is a registered charity. Cindy highlighted several of the ways that they support students in the DSBN. Amal thanked Cindy Paskey and her team for their time and effort in supporting DSBN students.

Amal announced the winners of the EFN Fundraising Competition. Thorold Secondary School placed first in the EFN fundraising competition. They raised funds through their multicultural week, a bake sale, a Freezie Friday, a spare change drive and a wake-a-thon. Westlane Secondary School placed second and Eden High School placed third. Amal thanked everyone for their efforts and provided Cindy with the a cheque for the total funds raised.

8. Around the Table

Students from each school shared about their favourite mental health initiative this year. Grade 12 students shared their plans for next year.

10. Closing Remarks

Amal thanked the senate members for their participation this year. Amal thanked the trustees, Diane Chase and Sue Barnett, and the planning committee, Ann Harrison, Susan Santesso, Karen Ferguson, Paula MacKinnon and Jennifer McGugan. She acknowledged Ms. MacKinnon retiring and thanked her for the influence she has had. Amal encouraged all returning DSBN student senators to participate in Student Trustee Senate next year.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Westlane Secondary School motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stamford Collegiate Secondary School. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Student Trustee Senate Retreat – Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, Walker Living Campus, 1 Taylor Rd., Niagara on the Lake