

**Student Trustee Senate Meeting
Education Centre, Board Room
Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

Members Present

Student Trustees: Amal Qayum, Westlane Secondary School
Keylee Smith, Welland Centennial Secondary School

Trustees: Dave Schaubel & Nancy Beamer

***School Representatives:**

Zaara Alam	A. N. Myer	Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe
Carter Yacyshy	A. N. Myer	Mackenzie Ziegler	Governor Simcoe
Rachel MacNinch	Beamsville	Melanie Riley	Laura Secord
Elise Wilts	Beamsville	Brooke MacIntosh	St. Catharines Collegiate
Mark Papp	DSBN Academy	Marianne Vongboutdy	St. Catharines Collegiate
Devon Fiander	DSBN Academy	Bronte Detenbeck	Sir Winston Churchill
Anastasia Vakoulich	Eden	Greg Mahmoudpour	Sir Winston Churchill
Aidyn Kasper	Eden	Olivia Sargeson	Stamford
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Kyrah Nicholls	Stamford
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Evvi Libby	Welland Centennial
Rachel Dobbie	Greater Fort Erie	Zainab Sarwari	Welland Centennial
Nick Pasaluko	Grimsby	Daniel Krowchuk	Westlane
		Riya Patel	Westlane
			<i>*Based on students who "signed-in"</i>

Administrative Advisors:

Ms. Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success
Ms. Linda Oliverio, Vice Principal, Port Colborne High School

Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets: Anandi Dajka, Madelynne Davis, Payton Dickie, Jenna Giroux, Jessica Hagar, Jeff Sung

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Amal and Keylee introduced themselves and welcomed DSBN Trustees Dave Schaubel and Nancy Beamer to the Student Trustee Senate Committee.

The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment was read by Keylee Smith.

Approval of the Agenda

Westlane motioned the agenda be approved. Grimsby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation

Ms. Harrison and Ms. Santesso were invited to discuss the topic of equity with the Senators. Ms. Harrison directed the Senators to an activity that furthered the work done in the November STS meeting and asked them to reflect on how they can reach all students at the In-school Student Voice Forums planned for later in the school year. The Senators discussed the categories that identified areas where students may be unintentionally excluded. They were reminded that when planning the In-school Student Voice Forum to be mindful of timing (checking calendars for religious and cultural holidays) and inclusion (using all means including technology to encourage student input). Ms. Santesso then explained how to facilitate a Student Voice Forum and handed out a template for completion prior to the February Student Trustee Senate Retreat. The questions for the Student Voice Forum will be finalized at the Retreat.

Amal and Keylee thanked the presenters, and then presented Ms. Harrison with a floral arrangement from Westlane's Dig-It program. She explained to the Senators that Ms. Harrison is retiring in the new year. On behalf of the Student Trustees and the Senate, Amal thanked Ms. Harrison for her support and dedication to the Student Trustee Senate Committee.

Report from Trustees

DSBN Trustees Dave Schaubel and Nancy Beamer were introduced. They addressed the Senators giving them some background on themselves.

Trustee Schaubel shared with the Senators his belief that they are today's leaders and advised them to lead today for a better tomorrow, as they do have a voice.

Trustee Beamer encouraged the Senators to embrace opportunities and not be afraid to take them as one doesn't always stay with one career. She pointed out that the Senators are all leaders and to stay the course as they seek more leadership roles.

Networking Break: 6:50 - 7:05 p.m.

Report from Student Trustees**Perfect Attendance Draw**

Three students received a prize for perfect attendance: Carter Yacyshyn, Daniel Krowchuk, and Zaara Alaam.

Provincial Consultation

Keylee reminded Senators that the submission deadline is December 15, 2018.

T-Shirts

The Senators voted for a royal blue shirt with a one colour imprint logo on the front. The t-shirts will be ordered for the upcoming Student Trustee Senate retreat in February.

Student Trustee Applications

Applications will go out in March. Interested students should connect with the school Guidance counsellor or Student Trustee Senate Advisor.

Around the Table:

Question: What is an event at your school which engaged a large demographic of students? How did you engage them?

ANM: pep rallies every semester with a variety of activities for all grades; competitions and “dance off”; engagement through announcements and word of mouth.

BDSS: school runs a pep rally that includes lip synch wars; Kahoot battles; sports teams recognized; food trucks; rugby buy-out (popular); social media and announcements; word of mouth.

DAC: monthly spirit assemblies are held for all grades from 6 to 12; activities are held to involve/accommodate everyone – physical, technical, etc.

EAS: Halloween dance (Graveyard Smash). Haunted house was a great success.

Eden: Grade Wars whereby points are won in competition; mini stick tournament.

GFESS: colour days for engagement – each grade is in its own colour; sense of comradery amongst grades to win challenges. Free and during school hours.

Governor Simcoe: buyouts for sports to build school spirit including a spirit day; mascot, cheerleading.

Grimsby: Fun day such as bouncy castle, cotton candy, dunk tank – advertising is key to the success of the carnival including word of mouth by students.

Laura Secord: Coffee houses; lip-synch battles held at lunchtime judged by teachers. Visiting MSIP classrooms to advertise events is very successful.

St. Catharines Collegiate: dodgeball modeled like a grade war; sports buyouts, police buyouts vs. teachers. During buyouts Pie in the Face is held where tickets are sold; school held Stride for Pride walk/run carnival.

Sir Winston Churchill: hybrid of events Spring Fling, a carnival with food truck, bouncy castle, grade wars held on playing fields. Engagement is high.

Stamford: Jingle to Mingle – arts council holds this event with performances by students; positive and respectful support of the acts performing. Wednesday MSIP class using slide shows / announcements to show upcoming school events.

Welland Centennial: Cougar Fest – an event / carnival that is free; students wear spirit wear; a variety of activities which, engage different groups such as the athletes, arts students, etc.

Westlane: Winter and Summer semi-formals are organized with different themes; word of mouth, social media effective advertising.

Action Items for Next Meeting

Student Voice Forum template to be completed prior to the February 12, 2019 retreat.

Meeting Adjourned

Stamford Secondary School motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm. Gov Simcoe Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
9am to 2:30pm – location to be determined.

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 12, 2018 be received.”