

Student Trustee Senate Meeting
Education Centre, Board Room
Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Members Present

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

Trustees: Sue Barnett
Diane Chase

***School Representatives:**

Zaara Alam	A. N. Myer	Grania McParland	Laura Secord
Carter Yacyshyn	A. N. Myer	Melanie Riley	Laura Secord
Rachel MacNinch	Beamsville	Anandi Dajka	Port Colborne
Elise Wilts	Beamsville	Payton Dickie	Port Colborne
Devon Fiander	DSBN Academy	Brooke MacIntosh	St. Catharines Collegiate
Mark Papp	DSBN Academy	Marianne Vongboutdy	St. Catharines Collegiate
Jeff Sung	E L Crossley	Greg Mahmoudpour	Sir Winston Churchill
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Kyrah Nicholls	Stamford
Aiden Kasper	Eden	Olivia Sargeson	Stamford
Anastasia Vakoulich	Eden	Jenna Giroux	Thorold
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Jessica Hagar	Thorold
Rachel Dobbie	Greater Fort Erie	Alyssa Bendlis	Welland Centennial
Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe	Evvi Libby	Welland Centennial
Mackenzie Ziegler	Governor Simcoe	Daniel Krowchuk	Westlane
Nick Pasaluko	Grimsby	Riya Patel	Westlane
Jayden Bartlett	Grimsby		

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

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:

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Amal and Keylee welcomed the Student Trustee Senators to the meeting. The Ancestral Land Acknowledgement was read by Keylee.

Approval of the Agenda

Eden motioned the agenda be approved. Centennial seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Indigenous Presentation

DSBN Consultant Erica Zombolas and Student Achievement Leader Paul Taylor were invited to present to the Senate members. They provided background on Indigenous education and issues and spoke to the supports DSBN provides its Indigenous students including Student Voice, which forms an important piece of the DSBN Strategic Plan. Ms. Zombolas also shared the initiatives of other school boards in Ontario to elect Indigenous Student Trustees to their boards.

Amal and Keylee thanked Ms. Zombolas and Mr. Taylor for presenting to the Senate and will share the presentation with the Senators.

Report from Trustees

Trustee Chase informed the Senators that she did not run for a second term as a DSBN Trustee and thanked the Senators for the opportunity to be a part of their Committee. Trustee Barnett thanked Trustee Chase for her support of the Student Trustee Senate over the years. She updated the Senators about the Accommodation review in Wainfleet and the DSBN Memories and Milestones event. The Senators were informed that the DSBN is currently supporting the additional teaching certifications in mathematics for elementary teachers. Trustee Barnett reported on the success of an Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) Trivia night fundraiser for poverty relief and advised that the EFN Breakfast with Santa needs volunteers.

Report from Student Trustees

Amal thanked Trustee Chase for her service to the Student Trustee Senate and congratulated Trustee Barnett on her re-election as a DSBN Trustee. Keylee reported on the OSTA AECO Fall General Meeting on Oct 25th-28th in Toronto. Amal updated the Senators on the Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC) that occurred this past fall and encouraged the Senators to consider attending next fall as it is a great leadership opportunity. The website address was provided to the Senators for more information. Keylee updated the Senators about the DSBN Student Voice held on October 30th and advised that the feedback from that conference will be shared in December. Finally, Amal reminded the Senators to respond to the Provincial Government Consultations and provided the link to the website.

STS Recommendations Report

Amal and Keylee proposed that the Student Trustee Senate run individual student voice forums at the school level as the STS is unable to do a formal board level survey. Ms. Harrison was invited to speak about the success of the October DSBN Student Voice forum as a model for running smaller student voice forums. Amal then invited the Senators to form into groups to conduct round table discussions about what support should be provided to student facilitators and how to involve all school demographics effectively.

Reflecting on EFN Plan

Keylee and Amal asked the Senators to complete the *Around the Table* card before leaving. They asked the Senators to focus on their school's EFN initiative for the month of November and reminded them that there are volunteer opportunities with EFN. Senators can contact Amal or Keylee for more information.

Around the Table Card

Each school shared highlights of the initiatives at their school since the last meeting:

A.N. Myer

EFN: school-wide scavenger hunt is being organized for December

Other school initiatives:

- Lollypops Sale

Beamsville

EFN: Halloween Trick or Treat “Bug-in”

Other school initiatives:

- Anti-bullying Week
- We Scare Hunger Food Drive
- Indigenous Awareness week activities

DSBN Academy

EFN: Still in planning stages

Other school initiatives:

- Halloween dance
- Student vs NRP basketball game
- Winter Dance
- Colour Wars

Eden

EFN:

- Future basketball game buyouts
- dance fundraiser
- bake sales
- Buy-a-Butler

Other school initiatives:

- Me to We
- International Club fundraiser for Natural Disaster Relief
- Adopt a Child
- Christmas Shoebox for Kids
- Kindness Graffiti Wall

E. L. Crossley

EFN: Will meet with Principal to discuss initiatives

Other school initiatives:

- Christmas Cheer – each classroom chooses a family in need and the entire class donates items such as food, toys, etc. to support them

Governor Simcoe

EFN: Holiday Dance being planned

Other school initiatives:

- Mental Health Workshops – outreach club is training to hold a lunchtime workshop for mental health
- We Scare Hunger – non-perishable items collected from school community (twelve barrels donated to Community Care)

- Coffee House held in early November featuring school musicians, coffee and baked goods
- Gillian's Place – school clubs are organizing support from the school community for a family at Christmas

Greater Fort Erie

EFN: Coffee house to raise funds at football game

Other school initiatives:

- Halloween Dance
- Halloween Spirit Week (costume contest, mystery bucket, doughnut on a rope)
- Pep rally
- Semi-formal is on November 30th

Grimsby

EFN: Coat Drive, school dance, Pumpkin Carving, Gingerbread decorating fundraisers

Other school initiatives:

- Holiday films being shown in gym
- School intramurals
- Pasta Thursday

Port Colborne

EFN:

- Make Change for Children
- Donate 25% of sales from Spirit-wear

Other school initiatives:

- Planning semi-formal
- Fun Day at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park (springtime)
- Spirit Weeks
- Discussing ways to get students involved and promoting events

Laura Secord

EFN: confirmed a plan to have an Arts & Crafts Festival in April for EFN

Other school initiatives:

- Forming a group of students to discuss and write a submission for the provincial government consultation
- Break down barriers between clubs and promote teamwork between clubs

St. Catharines Collegiate

EFN: Bugout fundraiser

Other school initiatives:

- Diversity lunch
- a night to celebrate diverse culture in the school
- diversity quilt
- fundraising for Rotary Exchange and Drama Italy trip

Sir Winston Churchill

EFN: Halloween Pumpkin Patch: sold pumpkins to students and provided them with carving materials and workspace

Other school initiatives:

- Coffee House: after school dancing, singing, poetry, etc.
- Christmas Parade – holiday-based activities, shows, etc.

Stamford Collegiate

- Join Link crew in basketball buy in, "Scare Cause You Care"; suckers from Halloween
- Jingle and Hingle! Performing different acts (singing, dancing) for charity
- Christmas Spirit Week: giving out hot chocolate and dressing up

Thorold

EFN: Bake sale pizza lunches – the proceeds from one of these events will be directed to support EFN

Other school initiatives:

- Walk a Half Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser for Gillian's Place
- Semi-Colon tattoos – money raised for Kids Phone Help Line

Welland Centennial

EFN: money from buyouts; proceeds from spirit-wear sales

Other school initiatives:

- School dances

Westlane

EFN: Developing an idea for fundraiser

Other school initiatives:

- Halloween bake sale for War Child
- Food drive for Project Share

Meeting Adjourned

GFESS Secondary School motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm. AN Myer Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Education Centre – Board Room