

Members Present:

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

Trustees: Sue Barnett
Diane Chase

***School Representatives:**

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

**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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Amal and Keylee welcomed the student representatives and introduced them to the Student Trustee Senate (STS) Committee, as well as the teacher advisors who support the running of the STS. Amal invited the assembled students to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

Governor Simcoe Secondary motioned the agenda be approved. Westlane Secondary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Education Foundation of Niagara

Amal introduced Leona Moore, Vice President of the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN), who made a presentation to the group about the supports EFN provides DSBN students. Trustee Barnett spoke about the impressive fundraising by the Student Trustee Senate in the previous year and invited Thorold Secondary to share the types of fundraising activities the school undertook, which included a cookie sale, a buyout day, a coffee house and a Wake-a-thon. Amal pointed out that there are opportunities to volunteer for EFN. Leona mentioned that DSBN Academy made a video last year for Prom Project Niagara. The senator for Greater Fort Erie asked if there is a specific person at EFN that can visit the school to present to the students. Nicole Smith, Event & Communications Officer at EFN, is the person to contact and senators can reach to Amal for Nicole's contact info.

Report from Student Trustees

The senate was encouraged to communicate with Keylee and Amal by signing up for Remind.

The senate members were presented with Senate t-shirt options. A tally was taken of the style and colour that interested the members. The majority indicated that long sleeves and the baseball tee style in royal or navy blue colours are favoured.

Amal and Keylee shared EQAO results with the students and were pleased to note that overall the results show increasing improvement. They directed the students to find more information on the DSBN website.

The Student Trustees are attending the next professional development opportunity at OSTA-AECO, the provincial advocacy association for students across Ontario. They will report on the PD at the next Student Trustee Senate.

Keylee and Amal advised the Senators of the opportunity to participate in a provincial public consultation for education reform and stressed the importance of adding a strong student voice. They will send a link via Remind to the senators to share information. In response to questions, they explained that the submission can be sent online either on behalf of a school or as an individual student. Information on curriculum can be found on the Ministry website. Trustee Barnett pointed out that students frustrated with changes in the sex education curriculum can add their voice by contacting their MPP and sharing their concerns.

Amal and Keylee announced that there will be a perfect attendance gift card draw for student senators who attend all the meetings.

Report from Trustees

Trustee Barnett and Trustee Chase were introduced to the senate members. Trustee Barnett outlined the role of a DSBN Trustee, explaining that they make important decisions at the Board level to support DSBN students. Amal reminded the students that municipal elections are October 22nd.

Learning Session

Ms. Harrison was invited to address the senators. She spoke of the upcoming Student Voice Forum and explained that each DSBN secondary school will send approximately twenty students to attend. To help prepare the senators to support a wider student voice at their schools an Identity Web activity was introduced to the group, which is a useful tool to help leaders identify biases in their own points of view.

In groups of three the students participated in the UNLEARN gallery walk and were encouraged to consider what the artist's message might be.

Take-away

Keylee and Amal reported that they, along with a small group of senators, were working with DSBN Communications to generate ideas to promote the Student Trustee Senate and align processes at the school level. They distributed a questionnaire from the Communications department for the senators to complete prior to leaving the meeting.

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Education Centre – Board Room