

**Student Trustee Senate Meeting**  
**Education Centre, Board Room**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**Members Present**

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

**Trustees:** Nancy Beamer & Shannon Mitchell (for Dave Schaubel)

**\*School Representatives:**

Zaara Alam, A. N. Myer	Nick Pasaluko, Grimsby
Carter Yacyshyn, A. N. Myer	Isabelle Newkirk, Governor Simcoe
Rachel MacNinch, Beamsville	Mackenzie Ziegler, Governor Simcoe
Elise Wilts, Beamsville	Grania McParland, Laura Secord
Mark Papp, DSBN Academy	Anandi Dajka, Port Colborne
Devon Fiander, DSBN Academy	Payton Dickie, Port Colborne
Madelynne Davis, E.L. Crossley	Marianne Vongboudty, St. Catharines Collegiate
Krish Patel, Eastdale	Greg Mahmoudpour, Sir Winston Churchill
Alex Zhuang, Eastdale	Olivia Sargeson, Stamford
Isabella Daneyko, Greater Fort Erie	Evvi Libby, Welland Centennial
Rachel Dobbie, Greater Fort Erie	Daniel Krowchuk, Westlane
Jayden Bartlett, Grimsby	Riya Patel, Westlane

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

**Administrative Advisors:** Ms. Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Secondary Schools  
Ms. Andrea Jagoe Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success  
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

**Recording Secretary:** Mrs. Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

**Regrets:** Ms. Linda Oliverio, Jenna Giroux (Thorold), Jessica Hagar (Thorold)

**Absent:** Alyssa Bendlis (Welland Centennial), Bronte Detenbeck (Sir Winston Churchill), Aidyn Kasper (Eden), Melanie Riley (Laura Secord), Kyras Nicholls (Stamford), Jeff Sung (E.L. Crossley), Anastasia Vakoulis (Eden)

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Senators were asked to review the Student Trustee candidate resumes provided to prepare for the Student Trustee election later in the meeting. At 6:10pm Amal and Keylee continued the meeting. Keylee read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Westlane motioned the agenda be approved. Sir Winston Churchill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Student Trustee Election**

Amal explained that there was a two-year Student Trustee position to be filled and outlined the qualifications and responsibilities of a DSBN Student Trustee. She explained the election process that would take place that evening. Four candidates were invited to make a three-minute presentation to the Senators. Following the presentations, the senators voted. Karina Tavernese, who attends Sir Winston Churchill, was declared the new DSBN Student Trustee.

**Report from Student Trustees****Student Walkout:**

Keylee reported over 100,000 Ontario students took part in the walk-outs across the province. Of the 17 to 20 DSBN schools participating, 4 to 5 were elementary schools.

**Potential DSBN Indigenous Student Trustee:**

Following a vote, the Senators supported exploring the addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee at the DSBN.

**Draft Dress Code:**

Superintendent Smith presented a one-page draft dress code created by the Board. The Superintendent explained the draft policy aims to provide a more inclusive dress code and invited the Senators to connect with their student trustee to share opinions on the Board policy.

**Around the Table:**

The following schools briefly summarized the plans for school-based Student Voice Forum:

AN Myer - mental health awareness; inclusiveness; support system awareness; stress management; MSIP usage and time management. Target SVF date May 3.

Beamsville – equality & inclusion; bullying; school climate; new curriculum particularly eLearning; finding teachers with areas of expertise to help with eLearning; engagement and belonging. Target SVF date April 25.

DSBN Academy – Student Voice Forum completed April 12. Focus on: equity & inclusion; curriculum support; engagement and belonging; as the school is grade 6 to grade 12, focusing on how to make the transition to high school smoother.

Eastdale – bullying (do students feel they have been treated fairly?); mental health; learning methods; access to educational resources. Target SVF date April 25.

Governor Simcoe – curriculum; equity and inclusion; engagement and belonging; mental health and well-being; resources and support. Target SVF date May 2.

Greater Fort Erie – well-being; inclusion and equity; curriculum support in MSIP; post-secondary support; engagement and belonging. Target SVF date April 24.

Grimsby – curriculum; social climate of school inside and outside of school. Target SVF date to be determined.

Laura Secord – Completed Student Voice Forum on April 5. Senator shared their approach of contacting teachers to select the students and providing firm selection criteria; revising the selection list to get a broader population; using the first three hours of the school day to engage 50 students in each hour; using questions to target areas where the school is not engaging students.

Port Colborne – equity: sense of belonging, sense of security, what does it mean to have a voice. Target SVF date to be determined.

Saint Catharines Collegiate – social helpers; supporting clubs and social events; sense of belonging and inclusion. Target SVF date May 3.

Sir Winston Churchill – mental health; student work/life balance; representation of religious holidays; school learning; teacher/student relations; polling for feedback on clubs and how to make them stronger. Target SVF date in early May.

Stamford – well-being; classroom improvements; inclusion; connecting with staff about concerns. Target SVF date to be determined.

Centennial –Focus on MSIP; student well-being; learning environment; sense of belonging at school; dress code. Target SVF date May 6.

Westlane – equity and inclusion; curriculum support; engagement and belonging; asking students they find the MSIP instructional period beneficial. Interest in adding instructional supports to the MSIP room such as computer upgrades; feedback on a “no hat” policy in schools. Target SVF date May 9.

### **Report from Trustees**

Nancy Beamer and Shannon Mitchell were introduced to the Senators. They reported that the Board created a policy for flying the Pride Flag at DSBN schools. The Pride flag will be raised on the first Monday of June, and schools can decide if they continue to fly the flag for the month of June. She hoped Senators agreed it supported inclusivity at DSBN schools.

### **T-Shirt & Group Photo**

The Senators received t-shirts and assembled for a group photo.

### **Action Items for Next Meeting**

Submit school-based Student Voice Forum data through the Google forum

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Welland Centennial Secondary motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm. Greater Fort Erie Secondary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
6pm to 8pm, Education Centre

### **Recommended Motion**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 16, 2019 be received.”