



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

April 30, 2020
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees:

Keylee Smith, Welland Centennial Secondary School
Karina Tavernese, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Ness Griffin, Laura Secord Secondary School

School Representatives:

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| Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer | Emma Tracey, Grimsby |
| Jessica Zheng, A. N. Myer | Skye Reid, Laura Secord |
| Samantha Adams, Beamsville | Sara Turvani, Laura Secord |
| Devon Fiander, DSBN Academy | Nadia Jassem, St. Catharines Collegiate |
| Justice Wells, DSBN Academy | Brooke MacIntosh, St. Catharines Collegiate |
| Camryn Furlong, E.L. Crossley | Marshall Barker, Sir Winston Churchill |
| Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley | Sacha Schimmelpenninck Van Der Oye, Sir Winston Churchill |
| Aidyn Kasper, Eden | Jacob O'Connor, Stamford |
| Anastasia Vakoulich, Eden | Olivia Sargeson, Stamford |
| Piper Jackman, Eastdale | Duaa Abbasi, Thorold |
| Krish Patel, Eastdale | Sydney Alexander, Thorold |
| Mackenzie Ziegler, Governor Simcoe | Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial |
| Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe | Evvi Libby, Welland Centennial |
| Ella Kucman, Greater Fort Erie | Reyana Jayawardena, Westlane |
| Grace-Anna Pielt, Greater Fort Erie | Salony Sharma, Westlane |

Administrative Advisors:

Ms. Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Carla Piovesana, VP, Eden High School
Ms. Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets:

Samantha Pierce, Beamsville
Nikola Minor, Grimsby

Absent:

Emma Hric, Port Colborne
Matteo Panunte, Port Colborne

Candidates:

Duaa Abbasi – TSS (on senate)
Manara Abdelgadir - Governor Simcoe
Tasneem Elatresh - Eden
Maddy Farquhar - Grimsby
Camryn Furlong – ELC (on senate)
Owen Hildebrand - Sir Winston Churchill
Ella Kucman – GFESS (on senate)
Salony Sharma – Westlane (on senate)
Victoria Tessier - Welland Centennial

Welcome:

The Senators and Student Trustee candidates were welcomed by Keylee, Karina and Ness on the MS Teams platform. The meeting began with the reading of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of the Agenda:

Eden motioned for the agenda to be approved. SWC seconded the motion.

Motion carried

Student Trustee Election

The role and duties of the Student Trustee position were explained, and the Student Trustee election procedures were outlined. The Senators reviewed the candidate profiles. At 2:13pm each of the nine candidates made a three-minute speech to support their candidacy. After the speeches, the Senators voted using a Google forms ballot. At 3:32pm Salony Sharma, who attends Westlane Secondary, was declared the new DSBN Student Trustee. She will assume the two-year term in August 2020.

Student Trustee Senate Video

The Senators were invited to view a promotional video about the Student Trustee Senate that was made with the assistance of the DSBN Communications department. It will be sent out at the beginning of the school year when recruitment begins for new Senators.

Student Trustee Update

There is a vacancy for the role of the Indigenous Student Trustee and the selection will take place at the Indigenous Symposium on May 12 and 13, 2020.

School Closure Update

Public schools remain closed to May 31st. More info will be shared as it is available.

Roundtable

The Senators were asked to share experiences of the virtual classroom during the school closure. Senators observed that online learning is an adjustment in learning styles particularly for tactile learners. These are unprecedented times and both staff and students are doing their best to continue learning. There is concern about preparation for graduates' university year; however, in some cases where students had been managing underlying mental health issues, learning from home has been an opportunity to enjoy a measured pace of learning. Resources for some classes like a Visual Art can be challenging.

Meeting Adjournment:

E.L. Crossey motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Stamford seconded the motion.

Motion carried

The meeting ended at 3:55 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 19th (MS Teams).