



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees:

Keelee Hollowell, A.N. Myer Secondary School
Karina Tavernese, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Salony Sharma, Westlane Secondary School

School Representatives:

Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer	Taylor Howard, Grimsby
Finesse Warriner, A.N. Myer	Sophie Braun, Laura Secord
Kimberlyn Kulawic, Beamsville	Skye Reid, Laura Secord
Keerthana Srikanth, Beamsville	Kyra Ejercito, St. Catharines Collegiate
Sandra Lee, DSBN Academy	Cody Lau, St. Catharines Collegiate
Justice Wells, DSBN Academy	Madey Crawford, Sir Winston Churchill
Lauren Murray, E.L. Crossley	Dheiksha Jayasankar, Sir Winston Churchill
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley	Jacob O'Connor, Stamford
Tasneem Elatresh, Eden	Tiya Patel, Stamford
Adrienne Rosete, Eden	Duaa Abbasi, Thorold
Willem Quist, Eastdale	Grace Sargeant, Thorold
Steven Zhuang, Eastdale	Evvi Libby, Welland Centennial
Manara Abdelgadir, Governor Simcoe	Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial
Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe	Aiden Bilon, Westlane
Kya Steinbach-Parker, Greater Fort Erie	Brooklyn Koshman, Westlane
Claudia Oliver, Greater Fort Erie	

Administrative Advisors:

Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Curriculum and Student Achievement
Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Carla Piovesana, VP, Eden High School
Susan Santesso, Teacher Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Trustees:

Nancy Beamer, Dave Schaubel

Regrets:

Madeline Farquhar, Grimsby

Guests:

Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader – Mental Health & Well-being and Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism
Zakia Hamdani, Consultant - Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism

Welcome:

Student Trustees Karina Tavernese, Keelee Hollowell and Salony Sharma greeted the Student Trustee Senators and welcomed them to the Committee. Senators are encouraged to sign up for the Remind

app to receive timely information from the Student Trustees. Senators can also connect with them on Instagram.

Trustees Nancy Beamer and Dave Schaubel were introduced. They welcomed the students to the Committee, reminding them that the Student Trustee Senate is a wonderful opportunity to represent the voice of all DSBN students.

The administrative advisors were introduced: Superintendent Smith; Ms. Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Ms. Susan Santesso, Ms. Carla Piovesana and Ms. Nichola Lee.

Keelee provided an overview of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO).

Approval of the Agenda:

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

CARRIED

Recap of the Previous Year:

Student Survey: The school-based student voice survey results carried out two years ago are ready to inform our Strategic Plan process for 2020-2021.

Indigenous Student Trustee: This new role was created in January to ensure that Indigenous student voices are considered in both our school communities and across the board.

Menstrual Equity: Superintendent Smith updated the senators on the implementation of the menstrual equity initiative that was approved with the Board budget for this school year.

EFN Fundraiser: The Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) partnered with the Student Trustee Senate for a raffle fundraiser, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

Goals for the year:

Senate Instagram: The Student Trustees are pleased to share the new @dsbnstudentsenate Instagram account and encourage the Senators to use it to facilitate timely and open communication.

Equity Audit Action Plan 2020-2021: Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader for Mental Health & Well-being and Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism and Zakia Hamdani, Consultant for Inclusion & Anti-Racism reviewed the DSBN Equity Audit Action Plan. The student census is the third phase of surveys the Board has under-taken and the results will be used to guide planning and programming at DSBN. Pratima and Zakia invited the Senators to join the Survey Committee to offer suggestions and share insights. Senators were asked for their support and help gathering nominations each month for a new social media campaign *Faces of DSBN* (working title), which is a platform to celebrate student excellence across school board.

Strategic Plan: Student Trustees will attend the committee meetings and keep senators informed of progress.

End of year survey: The Student Trustees plan to send out a small survey to find out what students are looking for in terms of change and needs/wants.

EFN Fundraiser: The Student Trustee Senate Committee will to continue working with EFN to support specific fundraising campaigns.

Round table:

A brief Q & A was conducted to answer any questions the new Senators had regarding Student Trustee Senate.

Meeting Adjournment:

E.L. Crossley motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Beamsville seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 3:30 pm on Microsoft Teams

2020-2021 Student Trustee Senate Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday, October 20

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December 8

Tuesday, February 16

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 18