



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees:

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

School Representatives:

Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer	Madeline Farquhar, Grimsby
Finesse Warriner, A.N. Myer	Taylor Howard, Grimsby
Keerthana Srikanth, Beamsville	Sophie Braun, Laura Secord
Sandra Lee, DSBN Academy	Skye Reid, Laura Secord
Lauren Murray, E.L. Crossley	Emma Laur, Port Colborne
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley	Madey Crawford, Sir Winston Churchill
Willem Quist, Eastdale	Jacob O'Connor, Stamford
Steven Zhuang, Eastdale	Tiya Patel, Stamford
Tasneem Elatresh, Eden	Duaa Abbasi, Thorold
Manara Abdelgadir, Governor Simcoe	Grace Sargeant, Thorold
Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe	Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial
Claudia Oliver, Greater Fort Erie	Aidan Bilon, Westlane
Kya Steinbach-Parker, Greater Fort Erie	Brooklyn Koshman, Westlane

Administrative Advisors:

Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Curriculum and Student Achievement
Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Carla Piovesana, Vice Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate
Susan Santesso, Teacher Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to Leanne Smith

Regrets:

Nancy Beamer (Trustee)
Dave Schaubel (Trustee)
Kyra Ejercito (St. Catharines Collegiate)
Dheiksha Jayasankar (Sir Winston Churchill)
Kimberlyn Kulawic (Beamsville)
Cody Lau (St. Catharines Collegiate)
McKenna McNeil (Welland Centennial)
Adrienne Rosete (Eden)
Carly Sorge (Port Colborne)
Justice Wells (DSBN Academy)

Welcome:

Keelee greeted the Senators and Salony read the land acknowledgement.

Approval of the Agenda:

E.L. Crossley motioned for the agenda to be approved. Governor Simcoe seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Update

Indigenous Student Trustee appointment: There will be a virtual meeting on May 20th to appoint a new Indigenous Student Trustee.

Senate Merchandise: A pick-up day from schools will be coordinated.

Policy A-09: The Student Trustees attended the Policy Committee meeting. The policy outlines a process to name/rename a school and is still under review.

Well-being: From an Instagram message received, a discussion took place about eating disorders and ways to inform students.—Senators acknowledged that the topic is sensitive, and the classroom may not be the best place to raise awareness. They are interested in finding ways to bring awareness to the student community, as well as providing information on outreach programs and resources. They suggested that an “awareness week” would be a good way to inform students and could include presentations made by health professionals.

Senate focus 2021-2022

The senators went to breakout rooms to brainstorm ideas for next year. Some of the themes shared were:

- when we return to school in September in-person, opportunities for students in grades 9 & 10 to have community building activities
- having various Senate subcommittees (equity, wellness, special projects)
- ways to increase our social media presence (other platforms, Instagram takeovers, school and senator features)
 - Raising the profile of Senators to their school community
 - flower or tree planting at secondary schools on Earth Day
 - focusing on financial literacy and life skills

Review of Student Trustee Senate Activities 2020-2021

- the Student Trustee Senate Instagram page increased its outreach across DSBN – thanks to Tiya and Sandra for being on the Instagram sub-committee.
- the Senate logo contest – a design by Eden student Rachel DeBoer encapsulates and reflects the work of the Senate.
- EFN Student Helping Student Fundraiser
- Faces of DSBN campaign – a promotional video is being produced by Communications
- SRO Program – Senators provided important feedback to the Board on the program and how it operates in DSBN schools
- Menstrual Equity provides free menstrual products at a readily available location in all DSBN schools
- OSTA-AECO advocacy project The Volume of Our Voices supported by Student Trustees

Reminder

Hour Republic: Senators are reminded to email their Student Trustee Senate Committee hours to susan.santesso@dsbn.org.

Meeting Adjournment

Sir Winston Churchill motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Governor Simcoe seconded the motion. **CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021