

Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Members Present

***School Representatives:**

Erica George
Julianna Mihelic
Tristan Smid
Krithika Srikanth
Zach Harrietha
Kassy Sparks
Trina Voicey
Rebecca Koole
Abby Loewen
Grace Dobbie
Liam Jewel
Hasna Khalil
Sienna Lalonde
Tessa Lacasse
Kyle Martin
Nick Bussi
Carol Booker

Student Trustees: Karling Luciani
Samir Alazzam
Trustee: Sue Barnett

A. N. Myer
A. N. Myer
Beamsville
Beamsville
DSBN Academy
Eastdale
Eastdale
Eden
E.L. Crossley
Fort Erie
Fort Erie
Governor Simcoe
Grimsby
Grimsby
Laura Secord
Port Colborne
Port Colborne

Holden Gauthier
Amelia Durocher
Malcolm Cavanagh
Eli Mokrzynski
Noah Desruisseaux
Emily Hilborn
Alexis VanBallegooyen
Abdullah Khalid
Ash Raji
Vani Sharma
Makenna Noyes
Amal Qayum

Welland Centennial Secondary School
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

St. Catharines Collegiate
Sir Winston Churchill
Sir Winston Churchill
South Lincoln
South Lincoln
Stamford
Stamford
Thorold
Thorold
Welland Centennial
Welland Centennial
Westlane

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

Administrative Advisors:

Ms. Paula MacKinnon, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success
Ms. Linda Oliverio, Vice Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate

Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Jennifer McGugan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets: Diane Chase, Trustee; and Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions:

Karling opened the meeting by thanking those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda:

South Lincoln High School motioned the agenda be approved. Welland Centennial Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Westlane Secondary School motioned that we approve the minutes, seconded by Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Motion carried.

Report from Trustees

Trustee Barnett shared with the Senate that the painting at the front of the Boardroom was by a well-known artist from Sandy Lake. The painting is a native painting done in x-ray style. The painting was donated to the Board by the Director, Warren Hoshizaki, and it will be hung in the Boardroom. Trustee Barnett noted that the Director's Holiday Card Winners

were recognized at the most recent Board meeting. Entries come from students in grades one to grade 12 and 20 winners are selected. The winning cards are available online and each winner receives a set of their own cards. Trustee Barnett expressed that she was very impressed with the Student Trustee Senate and encouraged the students in the senate to be aware and to reach out to the students in their schools that are shy and often on the outside looking in.

Speak Up Grant Update

Ms. Harrison reported to the senate that Speak Up Grant applications are open and the deadline is midnight on December 21, 2016.

Report from Student Trustees

Samir and Karling drew names for the perfect attendance awards. The following students won a gift card and vintage Student Trustee Senate shirt:

DSBN Academy – Zach H.

Port Colborne High School – Nick B.

A.N. Myer Secondary School– Erica G.

Karling and Samir asked for a school to volunteer to do the Ice Breaker at the next meeting. Sir Winston Churchill volunteered.

Samir and Karling invited the senate representatives from Stamford Collegiate Secondary School to do their School Focus Presentation.

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School Focus Presentation

The Stamford senate members invited two grade 9 students that were involved in LINK Crew at their school to come and share about their experiences. Tori, grade 9 Stamford student, shared that she was very nervous when she first attended Stamford and within the first few days she connected with the LINK Crew. She said that this helped her feel comfortable and safe in the school. Kylie, grade 9 Stamford student, explained that LINK Crew leaders are grade 10 to 12 students and they help grade 9s enjoy their experience at Stamford. The LINK crew leaders show grade 9s around the school. She said she felt apprehensive and not prepared and that the LINK crew helped her to lose her fear, allowing her to focus on school and her goals.

The senate was asked if they had any questions. The following questions were asked:

Sir Winston Churchill

Q: What kind of activities does the LINK crew do?

A: Orientation Day and Frosh Day – students went to a park and did ice breaker games, they also went to Cave Springs Camp for 4 days. LINK crew leaders have the grade 9 phone numbers and are available if they need help with homework or to talk.

Grimsby

Q: We have Eagles mentorship at our school and they find the grade 9s are awkward and shy, how do you get the grade 9s to participate?

A: We try to match grade 9's with leaders that have similar interests.

Karling and Samir asked if another school would like to volunteer to do a School Focus Presentation at the next meeting. Welland Centennial volunteered.

Karling explained that the order of the meeting tonight was slightly different and that they were going to do Around the Table next. She gave the school a few minutes to write down the activities they wanted to share with the senate.

Around the Table:

A.N. Myer Secondary School

- Spirit Week- Marauder Monday, Twin Tuesday, Whiteboard Wednesday, Thankful Thursday (PJs)
- Christmas Assembly
- Fan Buses (5) to Hamilton to watch the senior boys play in OFSAA, number 1 in Ontario
- Tree of Warmth – decorated tree of hats and mittens, bringing in canned good, new supplies, in addition to a toy drive
- City wide semi-formal dance

Beamsville District Secondary School

- We started BDSS Remind – it's a success, we do a prize giveaway every week

- Western Day
- School wide Secret Santa starts tomorrow – sign up on Elfster
- Anti-stress Week planning – applied for senate grant
- Christmas Week – Canadian Christmas, red vs green, hot chocolate, Santa pics and ugly sweaters, Christmas assembly and talent show
- BDSS Mannequin Challenge

DSBN Academy

- Lunch time games to give students a chance to win points for battle of the grades (2 weeks in November)
- Prize for the Battle of the Grades – Movie and popcorn on Dec 21
- Jam night mixed with 30 hour famine – activities for everyone to do on Dec 15

Eastdale Secondary School

- Intramural volleyball buy-out – 7 teams signed up, fantastic turn out
- Advent Calendar
- Food drive for the local Hope Centre
- Skating event with the entire school on Dec 23

Eden High School

- Far from the heart – Senior students, a production company came in to do an interactive play on the topic of Healthy Relationships
- I Matter Christmas Art Program – parents can come and see students showcase their artwork/musical talent (concert style)
- Food drive, nursing home caroling visit – service committee initiative
- Best Buddies Christmas Party – all students are invited to celebrate with the SSTC students (pasta dinner and games/activities)
- Christmas – 5 days of Christmas, free pancake breakfast, Christmas tree/Christmas hallway...etc.

E. L. Crossley Secondary School

- Puppy Room Plan – through guidance sign-up, help students relieve stress
- Semi-formal this Friday – Club Roma, formal dance and dinner
- Door and Room decorating contest – each class decorates their door, best door wins a pizza party
- Christmas Movie – afternoon movie in lecture hall, games in cafeteria, hang-out and celebrate holiday
- Christmas Cheer – each class adopts a family from Salvation Army to provide gifts, food and help make their Christmas better

Fort Erie Secondary School

- Christmas Spirit Week from Dec 19-23 – includes movie night
- Food Drive for Cope
- Open House
- Grade 8 day Friday

Governor Simcoe Secondary School

- Wrapped in Warmth Campaign – collecting winter accessories for Harriet Tubman
- 12 days of Christmas – green and red day, candy cane day, ugly Christmas sweater, formal day, Holiday PJ day, etc.
- Wrapped in Courage Campaign – campaign to end violence against women and children, held bake sale and donated proceeds to Gillian's place
- Christmas Concert
- Movember – collected donations and the class that raised the most was awarded a pizza lunch

Grimsby Secondary School

- Griffin's Walk – raised over \$1500 to go towards Sick Kids, blue shirt day
- Community Service presentation and workshop
- Formal – sold out with 356 guests
- Adopt a Family – food drive for the GBF
- Candy Grams

Laura Secord Secondary School

- Christmas Club – one the most attended clubs, everyone loves Christmas, students are happy and decorate
- Coffee House – cozy, we encourage everyone to perform no matter the skill level, positive environment

Port Colborne High School

- Semi-formal – all around the world theme, everyone was invited
- The Tragically Hip (Cover Band) performance – former Blue Bear is telling the meaning behind songs and proceeds go to Gord Downie Foundation

- Gr 12 Prom Fundraiser – everyone came, open mic
- Christmas Parade – everyone was invited to walk with the school and show school spirit
- Christmas Child program - help families make Christmas better – buy presents, food, toys, clothing, and donations
- Candy Grams

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School

- School Dance – snowball and snow flakes
- Basketball Tournament – St. Catharines Standard Tournament
- Assembly held – Live Different
- Spirit Week – Rainbow Day, Hat Day, Pajama Day
- Christmas Assembly

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

- Watch for it Wednesdays – bi-weekly activities in the cafeteria, example- Minute-to-Win-It
- Semi-formal
- Holiday Spirit Week
- Intramurals
- Drama presentation of the Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged!

South Lincoln High School

- Bake sale – all proceeds to Community Care, first bake sale for South Lincoln in a long time, goods brought in by Student Council
- Food Drive for Community Care – ongoing, canned goods, non-perishables
- Christmas Spirit Week – cabaret, red and green day, Santa hat day
- Open House – successful, popcorn, student made video, student guided tour
- Broomball Tourney – at Smithville arena, run by Students for whole school

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School

- Jingle and Mingle – a Christmas coffee house in a warm inviting atmosphere
- Toy Drive – to work with boys and girls club to raise 500+ toys for children
- Tree of Warmth – a fundraiser to donate hats, mitts and scarves to people in need
- “I Matter” Christmas Party – We throw a giant party on the last day of school because we know not all kids can afford to have a Christmas, so we have our own at school

Thorold Secondary School

- Open house Grade 8 – had “I Matter” balloons that people could write on and say why they matter
- 12 days of Christmas – planned events through 12 days leading up to Christmas to create spirit

Welland Centennial Secondary School

- Food Drive for Hope Centre – 10 day Giveaways – 10 days of prizes for bringing in food items
- Grandparents tea – a tea, treats and music for our grandparents, very successful
- Christmas ‘Snow Glow Dance’ – dance, glow theme, plus a glow game room and photo booth
- Spy vs Spy – everyone gets their name on a sticker of someone else in the school, the ultimate goal is to tag said person, if you stay in (not tagged) you win!

Westlane Secondary School

- Semi – tomorrow night, Oscars themed
- Project Share – grade competition, students are going around in the community on Monday to collect canned goods and earn community hours
- Putting up biographies of missing/murdered native women throughout halls
- Spirit Day for jr and sr basketball games
- Open House – all of council participated, as well as most clubs

After the Around the Table, Karling asked the students to think about ideas for doing ‘I Matter’ initiatives in their schools and be prepared to share with the senate. The following ideas were shared:

Centennial – Put each student’s name on a star and put it on the wall

AN Myer – Spirit Week – decorate a cookie that represents you

Thorold – have an “I Matter Because…” Wall and make a collage with sticky notes

Port Colborne – the Culinary Department can make food, the art department and music department can show their talent at a community dinner

Networking Break

