

Student Trustee Senate
Education Centre, Board Room
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Members Present

***School Representatives:**

Erica George
Tristan Smid
Krithika Srikanth
Zach Harrietha
Kiara Kalenuik
Kassy Sparks
Trina Voicey
Evan Ren
Rebecca Koole
Tessa Piccolo
Grace Dobbie
Liam Jewel
Hasna Khalil
Sandy Rivas
Josiah Royal
Nick Bussi
Morgan Davies

Student Trustees: Karling Luciani
Samir Alazzam
Trustee: Sue Barnett

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

Bryce Bailey
Madelyn Beam
Holden Gauthier
Olivia Moreau
Amelia Durocher
Malcolm Cavanagh
Eli Mokrzynski
Noah Desruisseaux
Emily Hilborn
Alexis VanBallegooyen
Abdullah Khalid
Ash Raji
Vani Sharma
Bryan Marr
Mazen Hassan
Amal Qayum

Welland Centennial Secondary School
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

RCBHS
RCBHS
St. Catharines Collegiate
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Sir Winston Churchill
Sir Winston Churchill
South Lincoln
South Lincoln
Stamford
Stamford
Thorold
Thorold
Welland Centennial
Welland Centennial
Westlane
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 Grimsby Secondary School

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions:

Karling opened the meeting by discussing the 'I Matter' theme. She highlighted some of the key aspects of the 'I Matter' Campaign for the Student Trustee Senate.

Approval of the Agenda:

South Lincoln High School motioned the agenda be approved. St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School motioned that we approve the minutes, seconded by Thorold Secondary School. Motion carried.

Report from Trustees

Trustee Barnett shared with the Senate that DSBN secondary schools should have received clarification about the EQAO testing outcome. Trustee Barnett stated that the DSBN is doing an Accommodation Review of South Lincoln High School,

Grimsby Secondary School and Beamsville District Secondary School. The first working and public meeting was held on November 10, 2016. She directed the student senate to look up information about the Accommodation Review on the DSBN website. Trustee Barnett shared that there was an open house today at the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (GFESS) site to highlight and tour the artificial turf. The Parent Information Conference (PIC) was held on Nov 2 at Eden High School and Trustee Barnett commented that the Eden students were instrumental supporting the conference. A DSBN Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) meeting was held at Walker Living Campus (WLC) and Trustee Barnett encouraged schools to book a trip to WLC.

Report from Student Trustees

Samir shared with the Student Trustee Senate that Karling and Samir are attending the OSTA AECO conference this Thursday, November 17, 2016 and will provide an update to the Senate at the December meeting.

Karling attended the Ontario Student Leadership Conference and she shared that the speakers at this conference travel all over the world to speak to students.

Karling reminded students to select their Student Trustee Senate shirt sizes and Governor Simcoe Secondary School volunteered to do the ice breaker at the December meeting.

Event Planning

The outcome from the October meeting vote for the Student Trustee Senate initiative was to have a colour run. Karling noted that a different name is necessary because it is trademarked. She also shared that the powdered dye will not be used at any event that is planned by the Senate. The second top vote for an initiative was a music festival. Karling noted that music can be incorporated into the colour run. She stated that the event this year can be similar to the walk last year, but bring schools together. Karling spoke to the Senate about clarifying what the focus of the event is. The 'I Matter' theme needs to be clearly communicated. Karling encouraged the Senate to work together to define the message for the walk this year. She asked the Senate to think of different ways the 'I Matter' initiative can be portrayed to the public. The Senate was given two minutes to discuss. Samir outlined the committees required to plan an event (Communications, Finance, Entertainment, Food & Beverage, and Logistics). Students were then encouraged to select the committee they were most interested in joining. Karling directed students to move into their committee groups and begin brainstorming. Each committee group was asked to think of slogans and then they were asked share their ideas. The ideas that were put forward by the Senate are:

Show Your Colours, Step to Accept, Move to Include, Walk as One, Together We Stand, United As One, United We Care, United We Can, Colour (Compassion, Originality, Love, Openness Understanding and Respect), Move to Matter, and Movement to Improvement

The Senate was asked to identify their favourites. Senate members put forward and voted on the following:

Show Your Colours received 15 votes, Show Your Colours and Step to Accept received 7 votes, Move to Matter received 4 votes, and Movement to Improvement received 5 votes. The Senate voted to use "Show Your Colours" as their slogan.

Networking Break

Welland Centennial Secondary School led ice breaker activities during the break.

School Focus Presentation – Thorold Secondary School

Thorold Secondary presented their school initiative called 'Focus Week'. Thorold Secondary School has daily activities (assemblies, spirit days, videos, posters, etc.) throughout the week that support the topic for the week (Climate Change, Bullying, Mental Health, etc.) and raise money to support the topic (Speak up Grant, Hat day, DSBN mental health grant, sell ice cream at lunch).

Samir asked to have a school volunteer for a focus presentation for next meeting.

Around the Table:

A.N. Myer Secondary School

- Spirit Week – Myer Monday, Twin Tuesday, Whiteboard Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, Purple PJ's (volleyball), music and minute to win it at lunch everyday
- Myer Mosaic – All Myer students participate (arts, construction, etc.)
- Random Act of Kindness/ Pep Rally – Whole school assembly, nice notes on each and every locker, hand written messages on coffee cups
- Heart Niagara Jersey Day – Raised \$5000, each student wore a jersey, made a donation and athletic council matched the amount raised
- Remembrance Day Assembly - French and English speakers, music department performances

Beamsville District Secondary School

- 'I Matter' wall – Write out why 'I Matter'
- Guest speaker later on in the year

- Secret Santa Schoolwide – Sticky notes, anyone who wants to participate, incorporate ‘I Matter’
- Talent Show Christmas
- Christmas Assembly – Game show and Christmas spirit week
- Western Day – November 17th, 2016, spirit day for the whole school
- Schoolwide Gotcha
- BDSS Remind started – Reminders for the whole school, can arrange scavenger hunt and prize giveaways

DSBN Academy

- Halloween Dance and Spirit week went great!
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Performed Tableaus – Grade 8s
- Minute to Win It – Coming up, games during lunch, points for Battle of the Grades
- Planning a Jam Night in December

Eastdale Secondary School

- Halloween Dance was a huge success – 150 attended, horrifying haunted house as well
- Spirit Week – Monday PJ Day, Tuesday Jersey Day, Wednesday Well Dressed Day, Thursday Eastdale Spirit
- Co-ed intramural volleyball buy-out on November 24, 2016
- Grade 8 Day on November 2, 2016
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Choir, band, teachers
- Advent Calendar in December – 17 days

Eden High School

- Dance – First ever dance at Eden, success with 350 tickets sold and \$1500 raised for student council
- Random Acts of Kindness Day – 800+ post-its were distributed to every student locker with a kind message to brighten their day
- Multi-cultural Club – Eden has more international students this year than ever before
- Heart Niagara Jersey Day – donate \$2 to wear your favourite jersey for Heart and Stroke Niagara
- Abbotsford Stabbing – PR from student council in the process of hanging up banner where people can sign their support to the school, talk about at upcoming assemblies

E. L. Crossley Secondary School

- Puppy Stress Relief Room – Corresponding with exam time, applying for a grant
- Christmas Cheer – Unites students when giving back to the community
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- We Scare Hunger
- Rowing Team Athletic Council – Emily Brettel Hockey Game – raising money in memory of a student who passed away

Fort Erie Secondary School

- Semi-formal combined with Ridgeway on November 25, 2016
- Intramural dodgeball was successful, starting basketball
- Football Buy-out
- Coffee House – Very successful

Governor Simcoe Secondary School

- Coffee House – Donated proceeds to hurricane Matthew
- We Scare Hunger – collected canned goods for Community Care
- Guest Speaker
- 12 days of Christmas
- Winter accessory collection for elementary schools in the DSNB

Laura Secord Secondary School

- End of the Year Camp-out
- Assembly with all students
- Coffee House

Port Colborne High School

- Semi-formal all around the world theme
- Talent Show
- Random Act of Kindness Day
- Grade 8 Initiative

Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

- Spirit Week – To promote creativity within the school (one before semi and one before Christmas)
- Christmas Assembly – Talent Show and Karaoke/Lip sink
- Semi-formal – A Night Under the Stars, November 25, 2016, combined with FESS

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School

- Create posters with popular characteristics displaying self-worth
- Give students cards to write why someone else matters to them
- Members of student voice go into classes and tell other people why they matter
- Have people present why they matter to show others how to see in themselves
- Guest Speaker – tell students why they matter

South Lincoln High School

- Halloween Dance was a success
- Planning a food drive for December
- Sent two fan buses for the championship football game
- Spirit Week next week – Flannel day, hat day, camo and sock day, PJ day
- ARC meeting, JUMP mentors lead tours around the school

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

- Football Finals Buy-out
- Winter Arts Showcase – Coming up, will put SWC artistic talents on display to the school, promotes socialization
- Activity Day – Grade 9s grouped with Grade 11s and focused on inclusivity
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – Featured senior students in public speaking, performance by choir, featured student playing “The Last Post” solo on trumpet
- Coffee House – coming soon

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School

- Link Crew – A mentorship program where grade 9’s get partnered with leaders from grades 10-12 to feel welcomed and to help guide them through high school
- I Matter wall – Every student got a card asking why they matter and at the assembly we arranged them to say “I Matter”
- Grade 8 Day – We led them through activities throughout the day to make them feel included and that they matter to Stamford Nation
- Jingle and Mingle Holiday Arts Showcase – Christmas Coffee House in a fun and festive positive environment on December 15, 2016
- Toy Drive – Goal is to raise 500 toys for the Boys and Girls Club

Thorold Secondary School

- We are working on designing an ‘I Matter’ mural at our school where students can write down why they matter on sticky notes and place them on the mural
- Arranged for a guest speaker to come in the school to educate the students on the topic of bullying
- School Dance at the end of November

Welland Centennial Secondary School

- OSLC (stars on wall) – I matter becausekindness wall
- Whiteboard – motivational messages
- Have everyone involved with council events, ‘I Matter’ as a student , motivates them to get involved

Westlane Secondary School

- Harvest fest – Coffee House
- Pep Rally – For the football team
- Haunted House for Halloween
- Semi-formal – December 8, 2016, Oscars theme
- Honour Roll Banquet – At Elements on the Falls

Closing Remarks

Ann Harrison shared that she will be sending out information on Monday, November 21, 2016 for Speak Up grants. The deadline for applications will be December 9, 2016.

South Lincoln High School motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School seconded the motion. **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Education Centre – Board Room**