



Student Senate Meeting

May 4, 2023

10:00 AM

Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School

AGENDA

A - 1	Arrival and Check In	10:00 a.m.
B - 1	Opening - Library (a) Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation. (b) Opening and Welcome – L. Munro (c) Approval of minutes from the April 5 th meeting	10:10 a.m.
C - 1	Consensus Building – United Indigenous Student Council	10:30 a.m.
D - 1	Working Groups	10:45 a.m.
E - 1	Round Table Discussion	11:15 a.m.
F - 1	Lunch – PJCVS Hospitality Program - Cafeteria	11:30 a.m.
G - 1	Keynote Speaker – Joel Hilchey	12:15 p.m.
H - 1	Departure of Students back to Secondary Schools	1:30 p.m.

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Present: Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, McKinnon Park Secondary School, North Park Collegiate Vocational School, Paris District High School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Simcoe Composite School, Tollgate Technological Skills Centre, Valley Heights Secondary School, Waterford District High School

Student Trustees: Tatyana Zebroski (Representing North)
Maggie Baker (Representing South)
Aleena Skye (Representing Indigenous)

Administration: Director Roberto, Superintendent Munro, Executive Assistant: K. Harrison

Recorder: Christina Dero

A - 1 Opening/Welcome

- (a) **Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement** – Student Trustee Zebroski
- (b) **Opening** – Superintendent Munro
- (c) **Director's Welcome** – Director Roberto welcomed Senators to the meeting and spoke to the importance of student voice, networking, and the work of the Student Trustees.

B – 1 Operational Items

- (a) Student Trustee Zebroski spoke to the upcoming virtual GEPIC presentation with Dr. Danielle Law at 6:30pm on April 27, 2023. All are welcome to attend.

C – 1 Student Working Groups

Student Senators broke into working groups: Mental Health, Student Voice, and Environment.

D – 1 Round Table Discussion

Student Senators summarized the working group discussion:

- **Mental Health:** The group spoke to the impact of students not being able to access proper nutrition. Suggestions include sending a survey to students to help find the gaps, curriculum that involves food programs, fundraisers for breakfast programs, and volunteer hours for students that help.
- **Mental health:** The importance of providing supports during exams. Suggestions include the use of therapy dogs, advertising mental health supports that are available, building awareness of mental health issues, and ways to help.
- **Student Voice:** Student Support Days. Students spoke in favor of spreading exams over a four-day period in order to reduce stress and increase preparation time. It was further noted the importance of providing exams to students in grades 9 and 10, so they are more prepared for later grades. One Student Support Day would be helpful prior to mid-terms.

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- Student Voice: Dress Code. Senators were in favour of a district wide Dress Code for consistency across the schools and noted that the Dress Code should be general and balanced for all genders.
- Environmental: Senators generated strategies to address having Nestle products removed from schools.
- Environmental: Greenhouses and gardens. Senators are looking into the possibility of a student-based initiative where food can be grown and used to supply breakfast programs.

E – 1 **Keynote Speaker – Anthony Lacavera**

Student Senators, along with additional students from each secondary school, had the opportunity to hear Anthony Lacavera share his learnings from his entrepreneurial career. Students had the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session.

Future dates: Senate #3 - May 4, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.