



Student Senate Meeting

February 15, 2024
Hagersville Secondary School

10:00 AM

AGENDA

A - 1	Arrival and Check In	10:00 a.m.
B - 1	Opening	10:10 a.m.
	(a) Welcome	L. Munro
	(b) Opening Address	UISC Student
	(c) Land Acknowledgement	M. Baker
	(d) Approval of minutes from the November 23 rd meeting	L. Munro
C - 1	Candidate Panel – Interview Sessions	10:30 a.m.
	(a) Introduction of Candidates – L. Munro	
	(b) Overview of the voting process – L. Munro	
	(c) Elections – North & South breakout	
	(d) UISC – Consensus Building breakout	
D - 1	Lunch	11:15 a.m.
E - 1	Working Groups	12:00 p.m.
	Aleena – Environmental	
	Maggie – Mental Health and Well-Being	
	Keira – Student Voice	
F - 1	Round Table Discussion	1:15 p.m.
G - 1	Closing	1:25 p.m.
	Departure of Students back to Secondary Schools	1:30 p.m.

Learn

Lead

Inspire



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Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School

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Present: Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, Hagersville Secondary School, McKinnon Park, North Park Collegiate, 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: Maggie Baker (Representing South)
Keira Gayowsky (Representing North)
Aleena Skye (Representing Indigenous)

Administration: Superintendent Lisa Munro, Executive Assistant: Kerri Harrison

Recorder: Kerri Harrison

A - 1 Opening/Welcome

(a) **Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement** – Student Trustee Gayowsky

(b) **Opening and Welcome** – Superintendent Munro opened the meeting and welcomed Senators.

B – 1 Approval of the Minutes – May 5, 2023

Moved by: I. Halsey

Seconded by: K. Davis

THAT the minutes of the Student Senate meeting, dated May 5, 2023, be approved.

Carried

C – 1 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 and Well-Being Working Group:

- Well-being – survey investigating cafeteria pricing and food options will be going out to all secondary students
- Mental Health – additional supports and resources in the schools would be helpful. Consideration to change “Sexual” Health Nurse to “Public” Health Nurse so that students feel more comfortable
- Consideration for hosting a Mental Health event
- Request for more anxiety support groups



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Student Voice Working Group:

- Land Acknowledgment – reviewing a consistent process across all schools
- Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 – consideration for mentoring by senior students and sharing resources prior to starting grade 9
- De-streamed classes – considerations for supporting students transitioning from grade 9 de-streamed to grade 10 courses
- Washroom Accessibility – would like to see more all-gender-neutral washrooms and opening more washrooms that have been closed
- School Cash Online – new fees are an issue for some families; ensure there is a cash option for families who do not bank online

Environmental Working Group:

- Could more greenhouses be built? Nutrition classes could use the crops
- Can we implement compost bins?
- More signage on garbage and recycling bins would be helpful
- Biodegradable utensils should be used
- Promote more Eco Clubs – schools that do have clubs need to advertise more
- Eco friendly projects – pitching ideas to classes – woodworking classes could build garbage cans and art classes could paint them

E – 1 **Keynote Speaker – Johnny Henderson**

Student Senators had the opportunity to hear Johnny Henderson share his experiences on how he overcame personal challenges. Johnny provided messaging on how to persist during turbulent times and “create your own story.”

Future dates:

- February 15, 2023 (Elections)
- April 25, 2023
- May 30, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.