



Student Senate Meeting

Thursday May 30, 2024

10:00 AM

Delhi District Secondary School

AGENDA

A - 1	Arrival and Check In	10:00 a.m.
B - 1	Opening – Library (a) Opening Address (b) Land Acknowledgement (c) Welcome (d) Approval of minutes from the April 25 th meeting	10:10 a.m. TBD Trustee Baker Superintendent Munro Trustee Gayowsky
C - 1	Working Groups Trustee Skye – Environmental Trustee Baker – Mental Health and Well-Being Trustee Gayowsky – Student Voice	10:30 a.m. Gymnasium Library Cafeteria
D - 1	Round Table Discussion	11:15 a.m.
E - 1	Lunch – Library	11:30 a.m.
F - 1	Keynote Speaker – Michael Jacques – Gymnasium Introduction – Trustee Gayowsky Thank you – Trustee Skye	12:15 p.m.
G - 1	Closing Exit Form – Trustee Gayowsky Departure of Students back to Secondary Schools	1:20 p.m. 1:30 p.m.



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Present: Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, GELA, Hagersville Secondary School, McKinnon Park, Nations New Start, 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 Address** – Simon Yellow
- (c) **Welcome** – Superintendent Munro opened the meeting and welcomed Senators

B - 1 Approval of the Minutes – November 23, 2023

Moved by: I. Halsey

Seconded by: K. Davies

THAT the minutes of the Student Senate meeting, dated November 23, 2023, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 New Business

Student Trustee Skye and incoming Student Trustee Hill provided an outline of the purpose/structure of United Indigenous Student Council (UISC)

D - 1 Working Groups

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

E - 1 Round Table Discussion

Student Senators summarized the working group discussion:

Mental Health and Well-Being Working Group:

- Reviewed updated Cafeteria pricing and potential innovative ways to support cost reductions for student lunch
- Voiced desire and suggestions to ensure staff are being made aware of mental health concerns, stressors, and workload especially time of year and be more aware/considerate
- Explored enhanced outreach to students with mental health resources and promote events
- Suggested developing a school-wide calendar to support organizing their time



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- Revisited to need to change the culture of using the term School Health nurse rather than Sexual Health Nurse

Student Voice Working Group:

- Looked at days of significance in May and ways to promote
- Ways to enhance the Why Grand Erie Campaign were discussed
- Discussed ways to enhance acknowledging students' pronouns in ways that made students feel they were in a safe and welcoming space
- Suggestions were provided for opportunities to gather student voice,

Environmental Working Group:

- Completed their project to ensure there are labels made for recycling bins to have a board wide labeling system to make recycling clearer
- Plastic water bottles in vending machines have been removed to better support the environment and Indigenous students within Grand Erie. Senators will share this move and the rationale with their schools

F – 1 **Keynote Speaker – Jeff Martin**

Student Senators had the opportunity to hear Jeff Martin uncover implicit bias, where they come from and how they affect the way we interact with each other. He highlighted that no matter how different we may look from each other, we are more alike than we are different. Jeff reminded us of our self-worth and value.

G – 1 **Closing Address** – Simon Yellow

Future dates:

- May 30, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.