

**WATERLOO REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
STUDENT SENATE MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Student Senate Meeting on the evening of May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Cambridge Room, with the following members in attendance:

- Student Trustees/Meeting Co-Chairs
 - H. Jamal, R. Barnes
- Trustees and Adult Attendees
 - C. Millar, K. Donkers, N. Manning, K. Smith
- Student Senators
 - K. Shaban, G. Kenyon, O. Judelson-Kelly, M. McLeod, Z. Rehan, N. Gokhale, J. Dilgert, M. Posters, T. Jackson, L. Tanner, W. McKinnon, Z. Hoyte, C. Girt

RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL LAND

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the territorial lands of the Haudenosaunee, the Neutrals, and the Anishnabee people and thank them for allowing us to do this good work on their traditional lands.

CALL TO ORDER

Student Trustee R. Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Student Trustee H. Jamal reviewed the agenda at 7:07 p.m.

ICEBREAKER/TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

Student Trustee R. Barnes led the Senators and attendees through a competitive charades team building activity at 7:08 p.m.

ELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

1. Candidate George Kenyon delivered their speech for the position of Student Trustee to the Student Senate at 7:12 p.m.
 1. Answered a question concerning how they decided to become involved at this level; wanted to be more engaged with policy relating to education
 2. Answered a question concerning why they would be a good candidate for this position; experience with policy and governance work, previously involved in school leadership
2. Candidate Kimia Shaban delivered their speech for the position of Student Trustee to the Student Senate at 7:18 p.m.
 1. Answered a question concerning how they would approach other people to get involved; pamphlets for every school to put up around the schools

CANADIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Guest speakers from the Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) Z. Hoyte J. Choi, H. Kuhnert gave a presentation to Student Senate on the upcoming CSL Conference at 7:40 p.m.

- <http://cslc2017.studentleadership.ca>
- Coming to Waterloo region in fall 2017 (September 26 to 30)
- Four-day pre-conference in the days before the start of the official conference
- Canada-wide leadership conference for secondary students to showcase what our region has to offer
- Share opportunities and ideas between student leaders and leadership advisors across Canada
- Schools from across Canada are registering
- Senators asked to spread the word on social media and have their families/caregivers consider billeting (hosting other students during the weeklong conference)
 - A minimum of two students per household is ideal for families wishing to billet
- Billeting is an immersive experience to house students who are coming to Waterloo region and form a second family of sorts
- Students have formally invited the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau to CSLC 2017 while he was visiting in Waterloo region

STATE OF STUDENT VOICE

- Student Trustee H. Jamal introduced the focus group activity to collect feedback on the state of student voice in the Board and the value/impact of Student Senate. Feedback has been recorded on chart paper and will be discussed with Coordinating Council at the end of May.

NEXT STUDENT SENATE MEETING

Due to the deliberations concerning the vacant seat on the Board, the Senators have agreed to move the meeting to **Tuesday June 6** instead of Wednesday June 7.

The meeting will still run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

CELEBRATING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Student Trustee R. Barnes opened the floor for upcoming school activities at 8:55 p.m.

Event	Description	Date/Time	School
Music Banquet	Year-end banquet to celebrate accomplishments of CHCI music	May 25, 6 PM	CHCI (cafeteria)
Athletic Banquet	Year-end banquet to celebrate accomplishments of CHCI sports teams	June 7, 5:30 PM	CHCI
JuneFest	Festival to celebrate the end of the school year	June 6, 10:30 AM	CHCI
Spring Concert	\$7: Guy Few (professional trumpeter) and SJAM music students put on a concert	May 11, 7:00 PM	SJAM

Relay for Life	Students take part in Relay for Life to raise money for cancer support/research	May 25	Eastwood
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ADJOURNMENT

Student Trustee R. Barnes adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.