

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 February 8, 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, K. Smith
- Student Senators
 - Athalie M., Tom J., Michal K., Michael P., Justin D., Ben W., Katie E., Michelle M. Lucas T., Gaby M., Ricky Z. Connor S., Grace M., Valerie K., Nathaniel C.

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 H. Jamal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Student Trustee H. Jamal reviewed the agenda at 7:02 p.m.

ICEBREAKER/TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

Student Trustee R. Barnes led the Senators and attendees through a charades activity at 7:02 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Chief Communications Officer, Nick Manning: *Communications Follow-Up on Purpose Statement*

Chief Communications Officer, N. Manning returned to Student Senate to give a presentation on the status of the Purpose Statement at 7:15 p.m.

- Purpose Statement and Strategic Plan
 - Tight timelines and roadmap
- Annual report now available: report.wrdsb.ca
 - Includes the Strategic Plan and Operational Goals (mathematics, graduation rates, and student/staff well-being)
- The new purpose statement: *Innovating Tomorrow by Educating Today*
- Demonstration of the annual report and an outline of the letter from Student Trustees
- Thanked Student Senate for their involvement in generating the four Purpose Statement proposals made available for public consultation

- Thanked Student Senate for their help and assistance in sharing/publicizing the Purpose Statement over social media
- Comments from the public on the Senate suggestions
 - No common theme emerged (inclusion, diversity were noted but no overwhelming theme)
- Next steps
 - Purpose statement launched with annual report
 - Sending plaques with the Purpose Statement to the schools throughout the system
 - Co-op position with the Board for managing the Instagram account (closes at the end of the month; spread the word)
 - Public Meeting on February 21 to hear more about how we got to this point at the Education Centre
 - Student Senate will be called upon to help guide the Board on what students want to see shared on Instagram
 - Building a positive brand and unified image for our Board
 - Use of composite images to tell stories about education in Waterloo region
 - Featuring magnet programmes across the system
 - Spotlight on teachers, students, stories, etc.
 - Request to Student Senators to send news to the communications team if they hear of any developments (interesting stories, developments, etc.)

2. Canada Games Waterloo Organizing Member, Marty Deacon: *#WeRally2021*
 M. Deacon gave a presentation to the Student Senate about the bid to bring the Canada Games to Waterloo Region in 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

- Canada Games Bid
 - Sports as a vehicle to bring communities together
 - Waterloo Region is putting a bid together to host the Canada Games
 - Four regions competing
 - Youth an integral component of the bid and important to increase messaging for the games
 - Opportunity beyond sports to showcase our academics, culture, volunteer, etc.
- Evaluation Commission coming to inspect the city on February 28
 - Looking for what makes Waterloo Region so great and ready to host this event?
- What could this mean for you?
 - “I want these games to come to Waterloo Region because...”
- Request to Student Senate
 - Complete the “Why?” section of the website: werally2021.ca
 - Social media hashtags for engagement (*#WeRally2021*)
 - Consider how you share this at your school
 - Get your school involved
 - Photo was taken with Marty Deacon

QUESTION ON WI-FI

Student Senators brought forward a question to N. Manning about the new Wi-Fi Policy and mandatory password changes after 90 days at 8:00 p.m.

- N. Manning replied that the password policy is necessary for security and to take steps to protect the systems and the personal information of students
- Indicated that nobody at WRDSB is surveilling students
- Anonymous tracking of websites has always occurred to ensure adherence to the Responsible Use Policy.
- Device tracking, reset, locking, wiping is not granted to the Board via the certificate (features disabled)

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Student Senators from Waterloo Collegiate Institute brought forward a question on implementation of single stream recycling at 8:15 p.m.

- Recycling not working as is not a responsibility of custodial staff
- Done by teachers and an eco club but taken away across the school by administrators
- Attempting to reintroduce recycling but a substantial time commitment is involved to sort the recycling (paper and cardboard from plastic and metal)
- Suggestions from Senate
 - Cameron Heights: Different coloured boxes (green for paper, blue for plastics and metal)
 - Spread out collection over time and provide incentives for students to help
 - Discuss the issue frequently and regularly at spirit assemblies
 - Potential mascot (eco ninja) to encourage students to recycle their waste

CELEBRATING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Student Trustee R. Barnes opened the floor for upcoming school activities at 8:30 p.m.

Event	Description	Date/Time	School
KWMUN	Model UN simulation (\$10): kwmun.ca	April 1, 9-4	CHCI
Carnation Sales	Proceeds support St. Mary's Cardiac Centre	Until Feb. 10	BCI
DECA Provincials	Provincial competition for DECA	Feb. 9-11	N/A
Semi-Formal	Hosted at Federation Hall (guest contract req.)	Feb. 22, 6:30-10	CHCI
Coffee House	Musicians and other performances to support rebuilding cities in Syria	Mar. 29, TBD	CHCI
Leadership Dance	Dance event for student leaders in Waterloo	Mar. 2, TBD	HHSS

ADJOURNMENT

Student Trustee H. Jamal adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.