

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

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

A Student Senate meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board will be held in the Cambridge Room, Building 2, 1st Floor, 51 Ardelet Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario on **Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at 7:00PM.**

**SHORT-FORM AGENDA**

Call to order

Review of agenda

Icebreaker

Presentation from Director Bryant

Presentation from Vice-chair Martin

Introduce Superintendent Lomax

Discussion re: the role of Student Senate, of Student Trustees, meeting location, and digital communication

Generative discussion on year-long goals

Policy reviews summary

Policy review input

Homework for Senators

AOB/future agenda items

Adjournment

## **DETAILED AGENDA**

~7:00 - Call to order. Play music, let senators settle in.

We'll have pizza. Take a slice! We'll officially begin the meeting and give our land acknowledgement.

~7:00 - Review of agenda

If anyone has serious issue with the structure of the agenda, they can take it up at this point.

~7:05 - Squirt icebreaker game.

AKA Bang. Everyone forms a circle, one person standing in the middle. They name and point at someone, and that person ducks. The two people on either side of them point at each other and say "squirt". The last one loses.

~7:15 - Presentation from Director Bryant

Director John Bryant of the WRDSB will talk briefly about his role, how things work at the Board, and/or Student Senate.

~7:20 - Vice-chair Martin speaks

Ted Martin, vice-chair of the WRDSB's Board of Trustees, will talk about the Trustees' role, the Board, and/or Student Senate.

~7:25 - Introduce Superintendent Lomax

We'll also have Coordinating Superintendent Scott Lomax, who deals with Senate and Student Trustee business, present at the meeting.

~7:30 - What is Student Senate, what is our job?

We'll explain the role and responsibilities of Senate and Senators. Returning Senators will be invited to share their experiences from last year, and we'll briefly discuss how everyone wants Student Senate to operate in terms of location/food/similar this year.

~7:50 - Generative discussion on year-long goals

Student Senate has traditionally had a goal each year, that serves as regular item on the agenda and is a major project for us to focus on. We want to brainstorm a list of ideas for what this goal could be, and then cut down that list so we can have an idea by November of what our guiding aim is.

~8:25 - Policy reviews summary

We will give quick rundowns of a few Board policies up for review before our next meeting. Unfortunately, we don't have time to discuss every policy up for review (and most won't be changed anyway), but we can post a list to the Facebook/Classroom for online feedback if Senators would like.

**1. Extreme temperature policy.** As is, it states that each student, staff member, trustee, etc., will be provided with a safe & comfortable environment. It is further stated that students will be informed of extreme temperature hazards, and mandates the creation of procedures for dealing with extreme temperatures. Proposed changes, if there are any, are unknown.

**2. Equity and Inclusion.** Dedicates the Board to equitable and inclusive practice, with focus on school-community relationships, prevention of discrimination & harassment, and professional development, among other things. Proposed changes, if there are any, are unknown.

**3. Fundraising.** This is a lengthy policy and unlikely for us to look at comprehensively, but insights into problems or practices with fundraising by students would be appreciated.

**4. Community Partnerships.** Same as #3.

~8:30 - Policy review input

We hope to hear some brief input on the policies being reviewed from Senators, to draw on when discussing them at the Board table.

~8:40 - Homework

We'll ask Student Senators to do certain things at their home school, so that they can bring back more information and more Senators to the November meeting.

~8:50 - AOB/future agenda items

Senators can request items to be on a future agenda, or just talk about something they want Senate to hear.

~8:55 - Adjournment

The meeting ends.