

**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 November 2, 2016 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, T. Martin, K. Smith, K. Woodcock, K. Donkers
- Student Senators
 - S. Luo, R. Zhao, M. McLeod, N. Couzens, M. Standing, G. Melchers, V. Koch, M. Pisters, K. Elka, W. McKinnon, T. Jackson, L. Tanner, J. Dilgert, B. Wahl, S. Nelles, Z. Rehan, N. Gokhale, M. Kosovsky, S. Brennan, C. Sweet, A. Martin, O. Judelson-Kelly, S. Ahmed

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 7:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Student Trustee H. Jamal reviewed the agenda and Student Trustee R. Barnes collected Student Senator Roles and Responsibilities Forms at 7:02 p.m.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON FEES FOR LEARNING MATERIALS

Student Trustee H. Jamal collected additional feedback and incidents of fees for learning materials in schools (re: October meeting; Board Policy 6011, Administrative Procedure 4900) at 7:05 p.m.

- Students required to purchase French cahier for \$30 and read-only copies/no-fee alternatives were not advertised to students
- Students required to pay \$100 for photography course materials and a no-fee alternative (digital camera, etc.) was not advertised or offered to students
- Students required to pay \$10 for a booklet of math worksheets or to print them themselves. A no-fee alternative was not offered to students
- Students told to pay \$60 for photography film and chemicals with no alternative offered or openly advertised
- Information on financial/fee payment assistance not published on school websites (Student Trustee R. Barnes and H. Jamal searched each school's website)

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Chief Communications Officer (CCO), Nick Manning: *Student Senator Brainstorming Session for Board Purpose Statement*

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning, Student Trustee H. Jamal, and Student Trustee R. Barnes introduced the brainstorming activity at 7:15 p.m. Process:

1. Senators challenged to create 20 purpose statements in 5 minutes on sticky notes
2. Focus groups of 5-7 Senators were created to pick the best purpose statements from the group
3. Voting by means of a “dotmocracy” system allowed Senators to walk around the room and vote for their favourite purpose statement proposals

INVOLVING GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTANT SENATORS

- Student Trustees R. Barnes introduced discussion of how to involve Senators from Galt Collegiate (and other schools distant from the Education Centre) in Senate discussions at 8:00 p.m.
- Teleconferencing solution suggested and will be investigated for technical feasibility for December meeting
- Subsequent discussion on how to relay information from Student Senate at each school followed

CELEBRATING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Student Trustee H. Jamal opened the floor for upcoming school activities from Senators at 8:45 p.m.

Event	Description	School	Date
Kindness Club	Random acts of kindness (day)	JHSS	N/A
Musical	Evening performances (details not provided)	SJAM	Dec. 1,2,3
Fall Formal	7:00-10:30pm, Turret Nightclub (WLU) - \$20	BCI	Nov. 16
Empty Stocking Fund	Fundraise to buy Christmas presents for Salvation Army (cake auction; \$2,000)	CHCI	Nov. 29 - Dec. 23
Swing Dance	6:30-10:30pm, CHCI Cafeteria - \$10 (students)	CHCI	Nov. 26
Fringe Festival	Short act plays over six days	ECI	Nov. 2 →
Gala Auditions	Upcoming ECI GALA 2016	ECI	N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Student Trustees R. Barnes and H. Jamal adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.