





## Student Senate #3

Thursday, May 5, 2022

10:30 a.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

### MINUTES

**Present:** Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, Hagersville Secondary School, McKinnon Park Secondary School, North Park Collegiate Vocational School, 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:** Carson Kitchen (Representing South)

**Superintendent:** Kevin Graham

**Teacher Consultants:** Kyle Geerlings, Student Success and Joseph Tice, Indigenous Education Lead

**Absent with Regrets:** Sierra Green (Representing Indigenous) and Reilly Mitchell (Representing North)

**Recorder:** Debbie Fletcher

**A - 1 Opening/Welcome**

- (a) Opening Address – J. Tice, Indigenous Education Lead - Teacher Consultant
- (b) Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement – Student Trustee, C Kitchen
- (c) Superintendent Address - K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
- (d) Welcome – Student Trustee, C. Kitchen

**B - 1 Sharing Success - Working Groups**

**(a) Student Wellness - Student Well-Being WC**

Details of the Mental Health Resource Poster Contest were shared.

**C - 1 Continuing Your Advocacy Presentation**

- Creating your own campaign
- Resharing/reposting on social media
- Research
- Step forward - run for city/county councillor, School Board Trustee
- Get involved at university/college with student advocacy groups

**D - 1 Student's Vision for Grand Erie**

**(a) Overview**

An overview was shared of the purpose, timelines, and possible recommendations for the Student's Vision document that will be created by students.

**(b) Group Discussion**

Students shared ideas about:

- areas where support is needed
- areas where students would like to see change in Grand Erie.
- areas of improvement in Grand Erie's environmental sustainability.

Learn

Lead

Inspire



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Students were encouraged to share recommendations on how these areas can be improved.

A suggestion was made that a survey or dedicated email address would be helpful in collecting student voice when creating a board-wide dress code.

#### E – 1 Round Table Discussion

- **Human Trafficking Policy:** C. Bibby, Safe and Inclusive Schools Lead, opened discussion for any questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Human Trafficking Policy.
- **Transitions:** Students shared reasons why they choose to attend a Grand Erie Secondary School and what their initial impressions of grade 9 were. Students spoke to the reasons why some of their friends chose to attend a non-Grand Erie Secondary School.
- **Individual School Year-End:** Students shared upcoming leadership plans, new student initiatives, and spoke to the successes and challenges at their schools.
- **Student Senate Feedback:** Students shared feedback on the frequency and time of day that the Student Senate meetings occurred this year and discussed who their favourite speaker in the Student Leadership Series was.

#### F – 1 Closing Address

J. Tice closed the meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.**