



Student Senate and United Indigenous Student Council

February 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School

AGENDA

A - 1	Arrival and Check In	10:00 a.m.
B - 1	Opening – Learning Commons (a) Opening – L. Munro (b) Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement (c) Director’s Welcome – J. Roberto	10:10 a.m.
C - 1	Approval of the Minutes – November 3, 2022	10:25 a.m.
D - 1	Keynote Speaker – Joel Hilchey – Learning Commons Introduction by T. Zebroski	10:30 a.m.
E - 1	Lunch – Cafeteria/Bistro	11:45 a.m.
F - 1	Student Trustee Elections – Interview Sessions (a) Introduction of Candidates – L. Munro (b) Overview of the voting process – L. Munro	12:30 p.m.
	North	
	K. Gayowski	BCI 12:35 p.m.
	T. Gulati	Paris DHS 12:40 p.m.
	South - acclaimed	
	Indigenous	
	B. Nydam	Waterford DHS
	A. Skye	BCI
	K. Davis	BCI
G - 1	Announcement & Closing Remarks – Learning Commons	1:00 p.m.
H - 1	Departure of Students back to Secondary Schools	1:30 p.m.



Student Senate #1

Thursday, November 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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Present: Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District 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: Tatyana Zebroski (Representing North)
Maggie Baker (Representing South)
Aleena Skye (Representing Indigenous)

Administration: Chair of the Board, S. Gibson, Director Roberto, Superintendent Munro

Recorder: Christina Dero

A - 1 Opening/Welcome

- (a) **Ojibway Opening** – J. Tice, Indigenous Education Lead
- (b) **Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement** – Student Trustee, M. Baker
- (c) **Welcome** – Director Roberto welcomed Senators to the meeting and Chair of the Board, S. Gibson, brought greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

B - 1 Approval of the Minutes – May 5, 2022

Moved by: M. Baker

Seconded by: A. Skye

THAT the minutes of the Student Senate meeting, dated May 5, 2022, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 Student Senate Explored

- (a) Student Trustees introduced themselves, explained the role of the Student Trustee, and provided an overview of the Student Senate.

(a) **Working Group Introduction**

T. Zebroski leads the Student Voice group, A. Skye leads the Environmental group, and M. Baker leads the Mental Health and Well-Being group this year.

D - 1 Overview of Indigenous Student Leadership Initiative

A. Skye introduced J. Martin, Six Nations Native Advisor to the Board, who spoke to Indigenous Student Leadership Initiatives. J. Martin shared the goal of providing culturally authentic leadership development opportunities and experiences that will empower students to become agents of change within their schools, the board, and their community. J. Martin shared strategies and goals and noted that each school has the opportunity to have 3 student representatives take part.

E - 1 Guest Speaker – Mental Health and Well-Being

M. Baker introduced J. Hooper, Principal Leader – Mental Health Education and Student Support Services and P. Bagchee, Manager, Mental Health & Well-Being.

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J. Hooper and P. Bagchee spoke to School Mental Health Ontario, the School Mental Health Action Plan, and the Aligned and integrated Model.

Senators took part in a number of learning exercises around mental health and well-being and learned about strategies and resources that they can share with their schools.

J. Hooper requested feedback and suggestions from Senators about a proposed Mental Health Week Kick-off symposium for students with a focus on mental health and well-being promotion and connection.

F – 1 **Breakout Rooms**

Students broke into three groups: Environmental, Mental Health and Well-Being, and Student Voice, to discuss ideas for potential projects and grade 8-9 transitions.

G – 1 **Senate Round Table**

(a) **Discussions around Working Group**

Student Voice

Senators discussed what Student Voice means to them. Everyone should be represented equally and have the opportunity to be heard.

Senators shared upcoming plans in schools

- Multi-faith room
- Traditional garden with Indigenous medicine plants
- Club to celebrate differences in diversity
- Black History Month
- Students helping students support system

Discussions took place about student dress code and what things that made them feel more comfortable with the transition from grade 8-9.

Mental Health and Well-Being

Senators shared ideas to promote mental health and well-being:

- Board-wide program to enhance food program initiatives
- Brain breaks and puppies around exam time
- Wellness Wednesdays.
- How to intervene when someone is unwell or if they confide in you.
- Mental health mentorship

Environment

- Student-led composting programs in schools
- Gardens Clubs with plant sales at the end of the year
- Planting more traditional indigenous plants and things to educate students,
- Promote student involvement in the Tree planting initiative.
- Educating deeper in Indigenous knowledge and world view.
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(b) **Questions and Open Response**

Follow @granderiestudentsenate on Instagram. Student Trustees will share updates and give an opportunity for students to share their voice.

G-1 **Closing Address** – J. Tice

Future dates: Senate #2 - March 2, 2023, Senate #3 - May 11, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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