Student Senate Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025 **10:00 a.m.**

Cayuga Secondary School

MINUTES

Present: Brantford Collegiate Institute, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, GELA, Hagersville Secondary School, McKinnon Park, Nations New Start, North Park Collegiate, 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: Student Trustee Aidyn Hill (Indigenous)
Student Trustee Caitlin Shields (South)
Student Trustee Olivia Prince (North)

Administration: Superintendents Regan Vankerrebroeck and Lisa Munro
Executive Assistants: Rebecca Mason and Kerri Harrison

Recorder: Rebecca Mason

A - 1 **Opening/Welcome**
(a) **Welcome** – Superintendent Vankerrebroeck opened the meeting and welcomed Senators
(b) **Opening Address –** Stacey Hill
(c) **Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement** – Student Trustee Prince

B – 1 **Approval of the Minutes – November 21, 2024**
Moved by: E. Mole
Seconded by: Y. Aburkhes
THAT the minutes of the Student Senate meeting, dated November 21, 2024, be approved.
Carried

C – 1 **Candidate Panel**
Student Senators listened to candidates vying to represent them in their respected areas.

E – 1 **Voting**
Successful candidates were voted in:
Ryleigh Staats - Indigenous
Prabhsidak Singh - North
Harper Thompson - South

F – 1 **Working Groups: Equity and Diversity Mental Health, and Student Voice**
Student Senators broke into working group.

G – 1 **Round Table Discussion**
Student Senators summarized the working group discussion:

<u>Equity and Diversity Working Group:</u>
- Focus on inclusivity
- Ensuring students with disabilities have the same high school experience

Mental Health and Well-Being Working Group:

- Strengthen student connections through virtual councils and a pen pal system
- Improve communication about student-led events

Student Voice Working Group:

- Increase involvement of grade 9 and 12 students to create a welcoming environment
- Organize engaging activities to help incoming students feel comfortable

H – 1 **Closing** – Student Trustee Hill

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm