

REPORT OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

2019 March 06
4:15-6:10 p.m.

Student Trustees: N. Bajaj, S. Chun

Regrets: Student Trustee I. Frick

Students: D. Hashim (Saunders SS), F. Irfan(Saunders SS), A. Liu (AB Lucas SS), J. Monteith (London South Collegiate), M. Okusanya (Oakridge SS), E. Park (AB Lucas SS), A. Sharma (Saunders SS), E. Sharma (Saunders SS), S. Shelly (East Elgin SS), C. Wilson (Strathroy DCI), B. Woodward (London Central SS).

Administration and Others: A. Morell (Chair), L. Pizzolato (Trustee), D. Macpherson (Superintendent), S. Kilbourn (Assistant to the Trustees), Guest E. Meidlem

1. INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Student Trustee N. Bajaj called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Student Trustee S. Chun acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Student Advisory Council meeting is held. The minutes of the 2019 January 9th meeting and the agenda were approved as presented.

2. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE

Student Trustee N. Bajaj gave a brief outline of the OSTA professional development conference that the student trustees attended in Ottawa at the end of February. Student Trustee Bajaj updated the group on the May conference and those on the planning committee were asked to attend a meeting following the SAC meeting.

Student Trustee S. Chun told the group of her attendance at the OPSBA Symposium where she presented her initiative *Free the Flow*. She also shared with the group that she worked with other Student Senators on a *Free the Flow* video that will be released on International Women's Day.

In Student Trustee I. Frick's absence, Student Trustee N. Bajaj gave an update on initiative *Stand With Our Sisters* conference. The conference was held on 2019 February 20th and was a huge success.

3. FNMI LEARNING SESSION – B. WOODWARD

Student Senator B. Woodward from London Central Secondary School who has taken the Indigenous studies feels that it is important to repair relationships with the Indigenous peoples and learning about their culture will help achieve this. The group participated in a Kahoot game, which taught facts about the Indigenous people.

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD INFORMATION

Student Trustee S. Chun discussed with the group know that the Student Trustees with the help of Principals and Student Senators, were looking to give a monthly award to students who made a difference in their school communities. The timeframe on this was to have something in place by the end of March.

5. STUDENT SENATOR C. WILSON - SAINTS STAND DAY

Student Senator C. Wilson shared with the group information about *Saints Stand Day*. This event takes place once a year with grade 10 students. The students are separated into male and female groups and learn about topics surrounding sexual violence.

6. POLICY WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATE - D. MACPHERSON

The draft procedure was presented at the December 2018 Policy Working Committee of the Board. Several suggestions were provided including seeking opportunities to engage senior elementary students, caution regarding financial expenditures and from the Student Advisory Council the suggestion of having Student Senators in place by June of the year preceding their term. Members were reminded that the draft procedure remains posted for public input until March 28, 2019. Response from the public input will be provided at the April Student Advisory Council for consideration.

7. **NETWORKING DINNER**

Student Senators discussed events happening within their schools while enjoying dinner.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for 2019 April 10.

N. Bajaj
Student Trustee
Co-Chair

S. Chun
Student Trustee
Co-Chair

I. Frick
Student Trustee
Co-Chair