

SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information:

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Topic(s) of Discussion

Agenda
Aleksi: Where we're at with the DHH Senator, where we're at with the House of Representatives, where we're at with CRC Bridget: UWay Great Race Idea Ryan: Yearbook sales Aleksi: Passing clubs Aleksi: The end of quad 2.
Questions/Concerns/Suggestions

DHH senator

- Have one candidate, will host an interview with them sometime soon this week and will hope to include them in the next senate meeting

House of Reps

- Slowly getting more cohort reps as days go on

Starting CRC

- Will host interview process, why they want to be on CRC, ideas, etc
- Hoping to have meetings on days alternating with the senate

Bridget -UWay Great Race

- Right now still waiting for admin approval
- Great Race event - a competition between associations and they compete for great race champion, since cant happen this year, they will have to move it online
 - For this year: each association will maybe make a video (covid safe) including some competitions and challenges
 - For questions: message Bridget, Ben, Sierra (instagram or facebook @nssunitedway on ig)

Yearbook: Ryan Stainsby

- Can purchase them on school cash online \$35 - usually from the student activity fee but there isn't one this year
- Need to get as many sales as possible
- Want to start providing yearbook updates, as pages get added to the yearbook, want to share that information with everyone and tag the club/association
- Fun to know whats going on with the yearbook!
- Club/association photos were due in december: make sure they're in!!!!
- Email: ryan.stainsby@student.tdsb.on.ca

One more thing from Bridget: have all club presidents talk to Bridget this week

NSSF Scholarships Audrey Chan

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- Grant applications for associations are coming out soon (check out website nssf.ca)
- Scholarships are coming up soon in april (limit is 3) apply so the money doesn't need to go to waste!

Passing clubs

- Latin club: happen every year, just started later this year because of issues with the staff advisor
 - Aleksi then talks about how good latin is because his boyfriend says so
- Northern ethics bowl club: a philosophical debate, part of national championship league, but simply for northern's team
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgiw3l3pwt9BEkojDc3RA4atNPeUvgqMGutudrG/Gcw/edit>
- 30 votes for, 2 votes abstain
- Motion passes

Ethan

- February is Black History month: BlackNSS will be running meetings and event throughout the month (message the ig for more info)
- How are we going to make sure that SAC will be able to get things done (directed towards CRC)
 - Aleksi: also concerned about that, more optimistic because it shouldn't get worse than a global pandemic
 - Has already created a few guidelines
 - Open communications between governing bodies and committee
 - Everybody's voices should be equal (every voice heard, not one is stronger than the other)
 - Will create a schedule for each session to make sure committee remains on track
 - Aleksi: last year and the year before are more exceptional
- 3. Wondering if SAC is doing anything based around mental health and marks, any programs implemented by SAC?
 - Aleksi: Mr Marshall has been very understanding and getting teachers to be accommodating
 - Marshall: staff meeting right before this, people are exhausted, teachers are stressed
 - Everyone is stressed out right now, trying to stay within rules
 - Teachers are trying to get through curriculum
 - Getting a lot of emails, not opposed if students/parents want to talk to higher administration
- Shap: strike is on the table
- Sam: as SAC, have discussed a lot on mental health, but directed towards wellNSS because they are the mental health experts

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- Natalie (wellNSS senator): wellNSS is more prepared with resources and understands it better than SAC because they are specified in mental health. Has spoken with SAC before and they are trying
- Shap: is seeing a body of government, trying to do a committee, they are always talking about things, but has not put in any action into doing something, frustrated because SAC has not put things forward and students are frustrated and in a crisis
- Natalie: SAC is also limited with the things they can and cannot do, they can't go against administration
- Shap: what's the point of having a SAC group if they don't do anything!
- Aleks: it's not true that we're not doing anything, completely agree that SAC should be doing more which is why created the committee
- Dale: wellNSS and SAC collaborated last week, hour long google meets for any student that requires additional resources, wellNSS is working hard, continuing in doing things on a monthly basis (ethan can talk to natalie privately to discuss ideas)
 - Sac and admin meet weekly to discuss, wellNSS have been really good coordinating with teachers, SAC, students
 - Last two CRC, couldn't get approval from senate and house of reps, timelines matter
- Marshall: wellNSS group has been working on programming for this week, Bell lets talk day, so things are happening. Nobody is thriving right now, everyone is affected by the pandemic, have resources in the school: guidance counsellors, teachers, etc, there's no 100% solution to this
- Shap: frustration is that there's a general consensus that people are having a hard time, been on the news, knows what's going on, there has to be some change
- Natalie: best way to implement change is to understand that students that need to implement change are also students that are going through change
- Aleks: what is the SAC's job
- Shap: running additional club programs, internal student connections not just guidance, advocating directly to the ministry, problem is that we're getting overworked and ministry isn't considering that
- Aleks: question is what is going to happen to the first two quads, will students be concerned if they had harder courses
- Shap: is hearing opposite feedback, just wants to hear some follow through
- Aleks: made note for constitution reform committee

End of Quad 2

- Aleks: half of the school year will be over! want to thank everyone present for taking part in extracurriculars, all have given back to the community,

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Jeremy: has been working on the student survey for the past week, wondering if can share it and see approval