

# ASD-W Council of Student Leaders

April 4, 2023

2:19 PM

In-Person Meeting

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**Called by:** Hayden Sparkes **Type of meeting:** Student Advisory Council

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**Facilitator:** Beth Christie **Note taker:** Brynn Small

**Attendees:** Claire Cummings  
Melika Bagherpour  
Anna Carmichael-Keenan  
Brianna Hutchins  
Mackenzie Keilty  
Wyatt Moulton  
Kristina Rawn-Brown  
Jasmine Rhyno-Conroy  
Kyra Shannon  
Hayden Sparkes  
Shaina Tomlinson  
Riley Underwood-Charters  
Daniel Williams  
Silas Austin  
Anna Brownridge  
Karyna Krasnokut  
Brynn Small  
Anisha Anupindi  
Jersey Dionne-Sangster  
Sumou Shawesh  
Alice Vautour

**Absent:** Layney Ross  
Kaylee Pitts  
Madison Mulherin

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## *Minutes*

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Meeting is called to order by Hayden Sparkes at 2:19. Hayden acknowledges Thomas Geburt, head chair of the District Education Council.

Motion for Agenda: Jasmine Rhyno-Conroy motions, Riley Underwood-Charters seconds the motion.

Motion for Minutes: Jasmine Rhyno-Conroy motions, Sumou Shawesh seconds the motion.

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**Agenda item:** Presentation on education in ASD-W

**Presenter:** David McTimoney

**Discussion:**

There is movement towards the High School renewal which will be introduced into schools in September. This will include opportunities for more choice from grades 10 to 12, with new requirements for graduation and instead credit hours. This will be further discussed in May.

The proposed 50/50 model for French Immersion is not moving forward.

Right now, it is hiring time within the district. We will be hiring new teachers, vice-principals, and principals through 4 to 5 rounds of hiring.

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**Agenda item:** Student Opportunity

**Presenter:** Demetri

**Discussion:**

There is an event coming up in the end June for the discussion of digital rights. This event will take place in Winnipeg and will involve 39 students of 18 years of age. He encourages that you put your name in for the lottery and if chosen, the event is paid for.

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**Agenda item:** What's On Your Mind

**Presenter:** David McTimoney

**Discussion:**

Wyatt: Is there a policy in place that prohibits young students from learning about residential schools?

David: There is a team lead by Sarah Francis who has put together a library of resources, lessons plan, and professional learning plans with the expectation that first language English teachers at high school level will be incorporated through the Indigenous lens. There is no policy that he is aware of, however the content is expected to be age appropriate.

Riley: Are there any plans to build safe spaces in schools for targeted minorities?

David: There is a new position within the district for an Anti-Racism coordinator. We will be relying on people like Sarah Francis and Matthew Martin to help us with these goals. That being said, Matthew Martin is presenting to all teachers in August. Furthermore, policy 713 came out in 2020 assuring that we are compliant with SOGI. Lastly, investments are going into OHS with renovation plans to have gender neutral bathrooms. Construction will begin this summer.

Silas: French Immersion isn't an option for all students. In the new program at Minto High the Grade 9 FI program has a lot of investment in technology that regular classrooms don't get.

David: There is a policy that guides whether there is enough interest or numbers to offer French Immersion. The Minto High program is an LLO site, and because these involve coming up with creative solutions to meet local needs there is special funding they could apply for. Some schools have full FI, no FI or partial FI. Having the people available to staff a program is also a consideration.

Wyatt: How does French Immersion impact Indigenous youth?

David: The 50/50 model which is no longer going forward would have made time to learn Indigenous languages and culture very difficult. Even under the traditional FI model, David is very interested in working to build in this area K-12. It is important for Indigenous youth to learn their language and culture and for all students to learn about Indigenous history.

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**Agenda item:** Report Writing Committee

**Presenter:** Hayden Sparkes

**Discussion:**

The writing committee will be selected from student volunteers with an attempt to balance Educational centres and types of schools. Priority will be given to students who have not yet had the opportunity to take on a task of extra responsibility.

Volunteers: Shaina Tomilson (Tobique Valley), Riley Charters-Underwood (OHS), Danny Williams (Southern Victoria), Silas Austin (Minto High), Kristina Rawn-Brown (Cambridge Narrows), Claire Cummings (Carleton North).

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**Agenda item:** New DEC Student Representative Needed **Presenter:** Hayden Sparkes

**Discussion:**

Hayden is graduating and will need to be replaced on the District Education Council.

A current Grade 10 or 11 student. Requires two Thursday evenings a month. Ability to travel to meetings. Pays \$300 a month. The role also involves being part of this Council.

Posters should be up in your schools. If you cannot find it, please ask your Principal. It is also posted on the Teams site. Please share the opportunity with your school community.

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**Agenda item:** Mission and Vision Consultation **Presenter:** David McTimoney

**Discussion:**

Our current Mission and Vision Statements date back to 2014-2015 when ASD-W was newly formed. The district is using a process that involves more stakeholder consultation to develop new vision and mission statements that better reflect who we have become.

Would this council like to be involved? Are there volunteers? Would the Council like a presentation at the May meeting?

Volunteers: Silas Austin (Minto High), Riley Charters-Underwood (OHS), Jersey Dionne (Stanley), Anna Carmichael-Keenan (WHS), Brianne Hutchins (CFAS), Danny Williams (Southern Victoria), Claire Cummings (Carleton North), Shaina Tomilson (Tobique Valley), Kyra Shannon (NHS), Jasmine Rhyno-Conroy (CNBA), Anna Brownridge (Carleton North), Brynn Small (LHHS)

Motion: The Council requests the opportunity to provide input into the Mission, Vision, and Core Values at the May meeting. Motioned by Danny Williams. Seconded by Silas Austin.

Motion passes.

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**Agenda item:** Next meetings **Presenter:** Beth Christie

Next Virtual Check-in: Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 12PM-1PM.

Next In-Person Meeting: Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> -Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tuesday will be to travel to Hartland/Florenceville area for mid-afternoon. Working on a tour of Covered Bridge Chips and the Hartland Covered Bridge (more coming...) Evening will involve a Jazz to Jeans formal (as in please do not purchase anything) Fancy up with your favorite jeans. If you don't own jeans, whatever you want, the point is no spending required. Students can forward their ideas for the evening's activities to Beth Christie.

Accommodation will be at the Amsterdam Inn. The final Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Shaina Tomilson. Seconded by Wyatt Moulton. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.