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Student Senate Minutes
Education Centre
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

In attendance: MacKenzie Wright, FFHS; Chris Silver, FFHS; Chloe Machura, 2016/17 Student Trustee; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Hannah Cunningham, SCAP
Absent: Hannah Hayes, AHS

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1. **Call to Order**: Chloe Machura, Student Trustee, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chris moved to accept the agenda, with MacKenzie seconding this motion. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. **Conflict of Interest:** No conflict of interest was declared.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**: February 7, 2017
   Hannah moved to confirm the February 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by MacKenzie. The minutes were approved by consensus.

5. **Business Arising**
   a) **Feedback on Strategic Planning Session – February 14, 2017**
   The Student Senate members discussed this session and offered the following comments:
   - Students appreciated the opportunity to give input.
   - The session went well, and it was great that a variety of students were able to participate.
   - One member noted how students shared similar ideas and interests.

   Heather then asked for suggestions on how to follow-up with students who participated in the session on February 14th. Suggestions included sending a newsletter to students or writing notes to those who participated, outlining the outcome of the day and the new focuses for the Strategic Plan. Ultimately, students felt that the actions within schools and the Board over the course of next year and onwards would demonstrate to students that their voices were heard.

   b) **Aligning Board-wide Events –** Student Senate members had previously discussed aligning days such as the 20/30 Hour Famine across the Board. However, Atikokan High School had their Famine in late March, while Fort Frances High School and SCAP are just

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planning their Famines.

A suggestion was to align efforts across the schools for Earth Day, which is on April 22nd (but would be recognized by schools on Friday, April 21st). Students looked to having Period 3 classes occur without using electricity in honor of Earth Day, with informative announcements to promote this important event during the entire day. As well, Student Senate members thought that holding town/school clean-up activities during Period 4 would also celebrate the importance of preserving our Earth. As such, Student Senate members will:

- discuss these plans with their school administration;
- organize Student Leadership Councils to support this event;
- consider all safety measures needed when cleaning up the school and surrounding areas;
- design possible screen savers (rather than posters) that will be shared with Chloe who will relay the designs to Heather, no later than April 11th so that these can be displayed on monitors throughout the Board to promote Earth Day.

6. **New Business:**

a) 2017-18 Budget Feedback

Heather Campbell explained the past practice of the Student Senate in informing the development of the 2017-18 budget by providing suggestions for resources and programming needed within their schools. Members requested further time to take this back to their individual Student Leadership Councils. This item is thus deferred until the May 2017 meeting.

b) School Updates:

- **Atikokan High School** – The Student Leadership Council held a Hawaiian dance before March Break. The turnout of schools was disappointing, as there is a need to involve more senior students. Student have started planning their prom. The 20 Hour Famine was held in late March, with non-perishables food items being donated to the Atikokan Food Bank.
- **Fort Frances High School** – In February, the Student Leadership Council held a Valentine's Day Carnival which was a great success. A relay race and other carnival games as well as snacks were enjoyed by all. Originally, the Leadership Council targeted students in Grades 7 to 9; however, a substantial number of seniors attended this event. After March Break, OFSSA hockey championships were held in Fort Frances and the Student Leadership Council held a school-wide pep rally to celebrate Muskie Hockey, as

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well as all other sporting teams. A video montage of various sports events throughout the year was shared with the student body. Approximately 100 students attended each of the Muskie games to cheer on their team. Overall, the event was successful, building both school and Town pride. The Student Leadership Council is planning 30 Hour Famine at the end of April with a meeting being held this Friday.

- **RRHS/SCAP** – They are presently planning their 30 Hour Famine to be held April 21st and 22nd, with a food drive to give to the local food bank. As well, the students are planning a high school trip for the end of this school year to Chicago.

7. **Next Meeting:** May 2nd, by videoconference.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.