

Adam Beck School Council

September 28, 2017

6:30 to 8:30pm

Gym

Attendees

Lisa Armstrong	Kristen Gregson	Paula Sherman
Alex Bellamy*, Chair	Kristine Holder	Lisa Telio*
Robert Budreau	Alison MacPherson	Corin Toporas
Dave Capling	Andrew MacPherson	Cristina Toporas*
Linette de Graaf	Karen McMullin*	Pam Warrington Scott
Mike Duff	Julie Middleton*	Kent Yee*, Principal
Lisa D’Innocenzo*	Samantha North	Lola Scenna, Vice-principal
Winnie Falkenstein	Jeny Nussey*	Jarrold Bines*, teacher representative
Lisa Flood	Saira Premji	
Michelle Grahlman*	Kirk Seely	

*members of the School Council Executive

Welcome and Introductions

Alex Bellamy welcomed the participant to the meeting and introduced Mr. Yee, Ms. Scenna and Mr. Bines.

Overview of School Council

Alex Bellamy provided an overview of the Adam Beck School Council as outlined in the presentations provided with the meeting agenda. She outlined the fundraising initiatives led by the school council and the educational initiatives that are funded with the funds raised, including but not limited to technology, scientists in school, visiting artists, STEM, etc.

Alex outlined what is generally being discussed at school council meetings. This school year the school council is scheduled to meet 6 times; Alex encouraged all present to attend and or to join one of the many committees available, subject to their interest and availability. The meeting agenda is set a week in advance. All parents can bring up agenda items that are of interest to them. The parent school council has a Facebook page on which information is posted for the parent community. The page does not allow comments because it is difficult for executive members to monitor different communication channels and respond in a timely way. The most effective way to bring up an issue to the school council is to email chairs@adambeckcouncil.ca. All meetings of the school council are minuted and minutes are posted on the school council website for the parent community <http://adambeckcouncil.ca/>

Alex indicated that elections for the school council take place every year within 30 calendar days of the start of the school year. Mr. Yee gave notice of elections to the school council to all parents in early September. A number of parents have formally expressed interest in joining the School Council. The number of candidates for the school council is less than the number of positions available, therefore the candidates were acclaimed and there is no need to call an election. Alex welcomed the members of the School Council Executive for 2017-2018 school year.

MOTION It was moved by Julie Middleton and seconded by Michelle Grahlman that the following individuals be acclaimed as members of the Adam Beck Junior PS Parent School Council Executive for the 2017-2018 school year, listed in alphabetical order:

Alex Bellamy

Michelle Lavoie

Cristina Toporas

Lisa D’Innocenzo

Karen McMullin

Lisa Telio

Michelle Grahlman

Julie Middleton

Kristine Holder

Jeny Nussey

Motion was passed unanimously.

Principals’ Report

Mr. Yee provided the principal’s report. Highlights of the report include:

- Relocation of kindergarten students as a result of an additional class being created since the beginning of the school year
- Steps taken by the school to accommodate children during the very hot weather the previous week
- Wasps nest in the school yard was taken care of
- Curriculum night scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, an opportunity to meet the teacher and join in for a barbeque with teachers and parent community
- Considering the Centre 55 before and after school program is now located on site, all parents are kindly asked to use the front door to enter and exit the premises.
- Focus on safe and caring school; if you see any vandalism, please report to Mr. Yee.
- Budget allocation will be presented at the next school council meeting.

All committee leads are encouraged to reach out to the school office administrator (Michelle Defazio (michelle.deffazio@tdsb.on.ca 416 393-1682) secretary, Margie Di Croce (Margie.DiCroce@tdsb.on.ca ; 416-393-1682), who can assist with any committee related requests.

Mr. Yee encouraged parents to reach out to teachers and administration with any questions or concerns. The most effective route is to reach out to the teacher first and administration second.

Mr. Yee thanked Alex Bellamy for her tenure as Chair of the parent school council and for her invaluable contributions.

Minutes Review

MOTION It was moved by Karen McMullin and seconded by Julie Middleton that the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting of the Adam Beck Junior PS School Council Executive be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Bylaws and Election Process and Introduction of New Executive

Cristina Toporas provided an overview of the newly developed by-laws of the Adam Beck Junior PS Parent School Council. All school councils are required to have a set of by-laws that provides a clear framework in which the school council operates. By-laws comply with the relevant legislation (Ontario Regulation 612/00 and Ontario Regulation 298). A copy of the by-laws will be posted on the Adam Beck School Council website (www.adambeckcouncil.ca).

Alex Bellamy indicated that a call for expressions of interest for serving as officers of the school council executive has been issued and a couple of parents have come forward. The school council executive appointed unanimously the following officers for the 2017-2018 school year:

Co-chairs	Jeny Nussey Karen McMullin
Treasurer	Julie Middleton
Secretary	Cristina Toporas

Budget Process and Approval

Julie Middleton presented the Treasurer’s Report, as outlined in the documents that accompanied the meeting agenda.

Julie provided an overview of the overall 2016-2017 revenue and expenditures as well as the revenue and expenditures of each fundraising event.

Julie indicated that between April and end of June 2017, the budget committee developed the 2017-2018 budget, invited and received proposals from parents and teachers for new initiatives and events for the school; reviewed each proposal and evaluated whether it should be allocated funds for the following year. The 2017-2018 budget was outlined. The school council budgets conservatively to ensure expenditures do not exceed revenues. Committee leads oversee the event budget and ensure the expenditures do not exceed the approved budget. It was noted that one fundraising event (called “Wine Survivor”) has been removed based of feedback from the parent community. The final budget draft for 2017-2018 is being brought forward today for the approval of the school council executive.

MOTION It was moved by Julie Middleton and seconded by Alex Bellamy that the Adam Beck Junior PS School Council budget for the 2017-2018 school year be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The budget will be published on the School Council website.

Mix and Mingle – Committee Sign Up

Alex Bellamy noted that thanks to the hard work and commitment of many volunteers, children at Adam Beck benefit from enhanced educational opportunities. She encouraged parents to consider volunteering to events organized by the school council based on their interest and availability.

Alex and committee leads for Monsterbash, Rendez-vous café, June Fest, Movie Night, Pizza Lunch, Holiday Party, Night on the Beach, Garden Committee, Visiting Artists, Spirit Committee, Staff Appreciation Committee, Read-a-thon, Head Lice Committee, Fundscript, Communications, Grant applications, introduced the respective committees and highlighted the volunteering opportunities available to parents.

At the meeting, several individuals expressed interest in joining the various committees.

New Business

None.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm EDT.