

## Adam Beck School Council Meeting

October 19, 2017

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

### Attendees

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Alex Bellamy*	Karen McMullin, Co-Chair*	Marc Volpato, teacher representative*
Lisa D’Innocenzo*	Julie Middleton, Treasurer*	Ann Marie Williams
Lisa Flood	Jenny Nussey, Co-Chair*	Kent Yee, Principal*
Michelle Grahlman*	Lola Scenna, Vice Principal*	
Kristine Holder*	Kirk Seeley	
Victoria Kay*	Corin Toporas	
Michelle Lavoie*	Cristina Toporas, Secretary*	

\*Council executive members

### Welcome and minutes of last meeting

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Karen McMullin welcomed parents to the school council meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Cristina Toporas and seconded by Jeny Nussey that the minutes of the school council meeting of September 28, 2017 be approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Approval of school council by-laws

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Karen McMullin noted that the Adam Beck school council by-laws were presented in detail at the September meeting. Due process requires the by-laws be formally approved by motion of the school council executive.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Alex Bellamy and seconded by Julie Middleton that the Adam Beck Jr PS School Council by-laws be approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

The by-laws will be posted on the school council website for all parents to access and consult [here](http://adambeckcouncil.ca/school-council/bylaws/):  
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## Principal's report

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Mr. Yee introduced Mr. Volpato, new teacher at the school.

Mr. Yee outlined the principal's report. Highlights of his update include:

- Participation of Adam Beck students in Cross Country Meet on October 2, 2017. Congratulations to all cross country cross runners and thank you to all parent volunteers.
- Halloween Parade will take place on October 31, preceded by Monster Mash dance in the gym led by Ms. Smith.
- ECO team is developing a "No littering" billboard for the Woodbine Beach Change station
- French immersion registration key dates
  - Application opens: October 30, 2017
  - Deadline for applications: November 30, 2017
- Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 10, 2017 in the gym
- Scholastic book fair is due November 14-17, 2017
- Reminder that all parents who wish to volunteer require a police clearance. Forms are available at the office.

Mr. Yee and Ms. Scenna outlined the [EQAO results for Adam Beck](#) grade 3 and grade 6 students. Mr. Yee explained the results and provided additional information that the school administration has used to interpret the results. He outlined the learnings and next steps.

Mr. Yee presented the [Adam Beck school budget for 2017-2018 school year](#). He outlined some general considerations that TDSB takes into account when developing annual school budgets, which are outlined on the TDSB website [here](#). Mr. Yee noted that TDSB uses the [Learning Opportunity Index \(LOI\)](#) that TDSB to determine the level of resources each school receives. The LOI indicates the socio-economic status of students enrolled in at Adam Beck – which determines the amount of resources TDSB allocates to our school – is very high compared to other TDSB schools. In 2017, Adam Beck ranks 438<sup>th</sup> of the 471 schools in TDSB in the Learning Opportunity Index list, where 1<sup>st</sup> on the list is the school with the greatest level of challenges and thus requiring most resources.

## School council budget amendment

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Julie Middleton brought forward an amendment to the 2017-2018 budget of the school council (which was approved at the September meeting). The proposed amendment addresses the fact that a significantly higher number of students enrolled in kindergarten in this school year. The budget was developed in May 2017 based on the TDSB's projection of 80 kindergarten students. The actual number of kindergarten students in 2017-2018 school year is 135.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Julie Middleton and seconded by Karen McMullin that the 2017-2018 budget of Adam Beck school council be amended as follows: Increase the kindergarten special projects budget from \$1,360 (80 students, \$17/student) to \$2,295 (135 students, \$17/student). The motion was passed unanimously.

A copy of the final budget is posted on the Adam Beck school council website [here](#):

<http://adambeckcouncil.ca/school-council/budget/>

## **School Council committee updates**

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Jeny Nussey provided an update on the November Rendez-vous café which will take place on October 27, 2017. She acknowledged the sponsor of the upcoming meeting, Desantos Premier Martial Arts. Spirit wear will go on sale in November.

Karen McMullin provided an update on Monsterbash, which will take place on October 28, 2017. She outlined that new this year is a kindie area that will be set in the Studio, that will provide age appropriate, more quiet but self-guided activities for kindergarten and younger students.

The November school council meeting will feature as guest speaker a nurse from Public Health Ontario on the topic of head lice.

## **New business**

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None.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

*Approved by Adam Beck School Council Executive at the meeting of November 23, 2017.*