

Adam Beck School Council

April 19, 2018

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

Paula Adam	Jeff Jay	Francesca Rea
Andrea Casciato	Victoria Kay	Lola Scenna, Vice-Principal
Emily Chan	Rebecca laFleur	Paula Sherman
Françoise Charest, Teacher Rep	Michelle Lavoie*	Lisa Telio*
Lisa D’Innocenzo	Karen McMullin, Co-Chair*	Corin Toporas
Denise Emanuel	Julie Middleton*	Cristina Toporas*
Lisa Flood	Kate Milligan	Anne-Marie Williams
Sharon Foskett	Kate Mills	Kent Yee*, Principal
Michelle Grahlman*	Samantha North	
Kristine Holder*	Jeny Nussey*, Co-chair	

* School Council Executive Members

Welcome

Jeny Nussey welcomed parents to the school council meeting and asked for approval of the February 22, 2018 minutes.

Guest Speaker: Steve Chapelle – Internet and social media safety

Guest speaker Steve Chapelle spoke about internet safety and social media.

A summary of his presentation “Behind the screen: Internet safety” is available to parents on school council website [here](#).

Minutes of Last Meeting

MOTION: It was moved by Lisa Telio and seconded by Michelle Grahlman that the minutes of the school council meeting of February 22, 2018 be approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Principal’s Report

Mr. Yee tabled the Principal’s report. Highlights of his report include:

- 2018-2019 school organization and staffing model

- The number of students enrolled in kindergarten for next school year is higher than previous years and higher than anticipated by TDSB forecasting. Staffing resources have been adjusted by TDSB accordingly.
- The list of English and French immersion classes for the next school year will be sent home and is available on school council website [here](#).
- Student class placements will begin soon with discussions between teachers and school administration discussing the needs of each student while balancing numbers, gender, abilities, strengths, needs and social dynamics.
- A [letter](#) has been sent home to invite parents to submit in writing any considerations they want the school to consider in the placement of their child. The feedback is optional and is for consideration only.
- Upcoming events
 - Junglesport is underway and is very well received by students (and parents!);
 - Earth week is in full swing. Funds raised by the students will be donated to [Raincoast Conservation Foundation](#) to help save ocean animals
 - Recycled art sculptures - due April 23
 - Re-used book sale - April 25, please drop off books by April 24 to the class
 - School grounds and neighborhood clean-up - April 26
 - Grade 6 Ottawa trip is April 25-27; the trip includes visits to museums, historic sites and downtown Ottawa;
 - Spring Concert is on May 3; it will feature kindergarten students, primary and junior choir and string band;
 - Grade 4-5 students participate in the TDESSA South Conference Track and Field Meet at Birchmount Stadium;
 - Ultimate Frisbee tournament for grades 4, 5 and 6 is taking place in late May;
 - Grade 3 and 6 will be writing the EQAO in late May. Participation of all students in the testing is very important, parents are encouraged to ensure students are able to participate in the testing;
 - Eco-team is organizing a clothing exchange at June Fest. Please drop clean, gently used children's clothing at the Office on June 6 and 7. Leftover clothing will be donated to charity.

Committee Updates

Treasurer's report

Julie Middleton provided an overview of school council revenue and expenses to date.

- Requests for proposals for the next year's school council budget are due April 27. Parents and teachers are encouraged to submit proposals for initiatives that they would like to champion and that require money from school council budget to run.
- The budget committee will meet twice in May to review the proposals and draft the budget which will be presented at the June meeting of the school council.

Visiting Artists Committee

Michelle Lavoie reported that the project scale has changed due to increased costs of supplies and availability of artist to run the program.

- Inner City Angels who were initially proposed as the art partner for this initiative are no longer available.
- Another artist has been identified to run this program, he is TDSB approved and has a lot of experience.
- The project will use higher quality paint to ensure its longer life;
- The project will use simpler plywood cutouts but higher plywood quality;

- The project will require less volunteer support than originally planned;
- Given changes in the project outlined above, the Faces on the Fence program will now be offered to Grade 3-6 students (originally planned for Grade 1-6) and a Prologue performance will be offered to students kindergarten to grade 2).

Night on the Beach

- Michelle Grahlman reported on behalf of Jennifer Starr
- Planning for the event is well underway;
- Wristbands and tickets are available for purchase through www.munchalunch.com and at the door;
- The event will include silent auction, a photo booth, games, music and dance;
- Lisa Telio will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

June Fest

- Lisa Telio reported on plans for June Fest which will take place on June 10 from 11 am to 3 pm;
- Wristbands will be available for pre-purchase through www.munchalunch.com at a discounted price than the price the day of the event;
- More details about the event and volunteering opportunities to come.

Next school council meeting is June 21, 2018. Karen McMullin recommended that for next school year we will increase the number of meetings of school councils from 6 to probably 8. She will discuss the schedule of meetings for next year with Mr. Yee.

New Business

None.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Approved by Adam Beck School Council Executive on June 21, 2018