

Adam Beck School Council

18 October 2018 - FINAL

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Kent Yee, Principal	Karen McMullin (Co-Chair)	Maurice Ambrose
Lola Scenna, Vice-Principal	Jeny Nussey (Co-Chair)	Linette DeGraaf
Francoise Charest, Teacher Rep	Julie Middleton (Treasurer)	Lisa Flood
	Samantha North (Secretary)	Christina Gordon
	Lisa D’Innocenzo	Terri Lavender
	Michelle Grahlman	David Lee
	Michelle Lavoie	Kate Mills
	Francesca Rea	Saira Premji
	Jennifer Starr	Larissa Primeau
	Julie Steel	Kirk Seeley
		Paula Sherman
		Melanie Zettler

Welcome and Passing of Minutes

In keeping with Indigenous Protocol and building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada, Jeny Nussey acknowledged the Traditional Territories/Ancestral Lands of Aboriginal peoples and read the treaty acknowledgement for William Treaties area (east of Woodbine Avenue).

MOTION: Jeny Nussey welcomed the group and asked for approval of the September minutes. Michelle Grahlman proposed the motion and Karen McMullin seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Hot Lunch Update

Melanie – the hot lunch program is happening in about 3 weeks’ time. Rose Reisman’s was chosen. Start with 1 day a week, Tues or Thurs and move to 2 days after that. Gluten-free options and all kinds of allergy concerns addressed. Place orders 48 hours in advance. Each family has their own account. Cost is a range depending on what is ordered: mini, full lunch, snacks but average around \$6 or \$7 plus tax. 20 options every day. No volunteers needed. No money going back to school. Service removes all waste/recyclables and leftovers. More info to come on Facebook and school council website.

Mr. Yee asked about sending out pizza lunch reminders – not necessary given all the other ways to be reminded eg. Facebook, school council website, school calendars. Do we need email reminders about hot lunch regularly?

Monsterbash Update

Karen – volunteer sign-up ready, looks like lots of volunteers which is great! But always need more. Ticket and wristband sales on Munch-a-lunch, at Rendez-vous café etc.

Highlights: slime factory, haunted house, Reptilia, Pawsitively Pets, fire truck, kindie zone, silent auction for classroom pumpkins

Still need food donations, looking for a photographer or a photo booth, will be cotton candy too.

Finance Update

Julie Middleton Treasurer's Report – overview of numbers 2018-2019 (mostly money in at this point)

Pizza lunch big gift card purchase at a discount for the year.

Highlights of spending to date: Social Fund, Musical instruments, Classroom supplies – Kindergarten special projects.

Committee Reports

Lisa Flood: **Rendez-vous café** sponsor for upcoming date backed-out and need a new one, cost is \$100 for coffee, treats, sponsor has opportunity to address the group. Larissa Primeau offered to sponsor! Can add sponsor to website for more visibility. Also need more sponsors throughout the year.

Francesca: **Fundscrip** gift cards to purchase and a percentage goes back to school council – need someone else to take-over handling this.

STEM: need more people to help, come to meetings. Offering chess this year with grades 3 and 4. U of T engineering group came in during the spring. Need more ideas. Lego robotics coming back.

Julie Middleton: **Spirit Committee:** Sat, March 2nd 5pm Marlees game tickets purchased. Jan. 19 for family skating at rink attached to Birchmount. Halloween parade at the school requires parent volunteers. Mugs, water bottles and key tags for sale! At the holiday party, maybe arrange spirit wear swap and sell?

- **Classroom reps idea:** help getting volunteers into classes and with communication, work with the teacher and their network to get info back and forth. Try to bring in non-execs to be classroom reps. Mme Charest likes the idea.

Principal's Report

Mr. Yee presented the Principal's Update

- The Adam Beck School Council website has received a lot of positive feedback.
- Mr. Yee presented the **Annual School Budget 2018-2019** also listed on adambeckcouncil.ca. Contact Mr. Yee for more details/explanation.
- QSP (maybe around \$2,000 approx final outcome of \$ will be in the newsletter) and Dance-a-thon the only fundraisers.
- School council events on Sat/Sun costs a lot for caretaker time plus permits. Julie Middleton says potentially no more permits required.

- The extra \$200/teacher from school council is a big help.
- Book fair will be through local bookstore Ella Minnow this year rather than Scholastic: Nov. 12-16
- **TDSB Parent Concern Protocol:** parents need to speak to their child's teacher first about any concerns rather than going to Principal/VP which can lead to communication problems.
- Mr. Yee pleased about hot lunch program progress
- Monsterbash coming up Sat, Oct 27 4-7pm
- Halloween parade around 12:45 on Halloween day – if it rains/snows it'll be held in school.
- Photo re-take day, Nov. 8 + sibling photos.
- Progress reports going home Tues, Nov. 13 with parent-teacher interviews Thurs/Fri
- Next Movie night, Friday Nov. 9
- Technology: spent \$19,000 approx. battery operated carts were most expensive spend. Ipads purchased: 13, 32 laptops, 3 desktops. 2 lab carts, etc.

Discussion to Brainstorm Ideas for Guest Speakers

Jeny Nussey – schools apply for this grant provided by government of Ontario. Adam Beck applied in June and followed-up in Sept. In the past it was used to bring in speakers to school council meetings. Province replied gov't is reviewing grant program. TO Star article saying grants were on-hold.

Ideas for speakers from the room:

- Public Health will do a cannabis presentation for free
- Parenting expert Alison Shaver
- Dealing with grief and loss. Mr. Yee says Public health nurse provided list of agencies re: grief and loss
- School Social worker going to attend Nov meeting
- Volunteer to look into what is offered for free by public health
- Mindfulness
- Social Media
- Suggested possibly ticketing school council events and offering beyond the school to outside community as a whole
- Consent

New Business

None

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