

**Adam Beck School Council**  
**22 November 2018**  
**6:30 to 8:30pm**  
**Studio**

**Attendees**

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SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Kent Yee, Principal	Karen McMullin (Co-Chair)	Mauricia Ambrose
Marc Volpato, teacher rep	Jeny Nussey (Co-Chair)	Lisa Flood
Dominique Bruce	Julie Middleton (Treasurer)	Jennifer Haines
	Samantha North (Secretary)	Patricia Keays
	Jeff Jay	Shannon Magennis
	Michelle Grahlman	Kirk Seeley
	Michelle Lavoie	Paula Sherman
		Larissa Primeau
		Melanie Zettler

**Welcome and Passing of Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** Jeny welcomed the group and asked for approval of the October minutes. Paula Sherman proposed the motion and Julie Middleton seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

**Guest speaker: School Social Worker Erika MacNeill**

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Social work services in the TDSB

- Work with children, families, teachers and administrators to maximize a child’s education experience by helping with issues related to: anxiety, depression, behavioural challenges, bullying, grief, abuse, family challenges etc.
- Part of a multidisciplinary education team
- Individual counselling, family, group, classroom intervention, crisis response, consultation, support in accessing community resources, attendance counselling at the elementary level
- [www.mentalhealthto.ca](http://www.mentalhealthto.ca) service to help gain access to resources and connect for infants, children, youth & parents
- Tdsb.on.ca click on the about us link and under professional services  
 4165-8464, [Erika.macneill@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Erika.macneill@tdsb.on.ca): in the school once a week on Wednesdays (usually)

## Finance Update

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Julie Middleton Adam Beck School Council Treasurer's Report Nov 2018

- At about half of our fundraising goal for the year and spent about 1/3 of our budget
- \$4,000 spent on musical instruments
- \$10,000 spent on technology
- \$800 spent on sports equipment eg. Volleyballs, ice time for hockey team
- \$700 to education enhancement for teachers to each spend eg. Dry erase markers, dolls, rainbow loom, sugar skulls, Seesaw membership
- \$580 for the school gardens

## Visiting Artists Committee Project Plan

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Mme Bruce and Jeny discussion

- \$8,000 to spend
- \$1,000 tribal visions dance for whole school 14 Jan 2019 booked
- \$2,000 author visits (Ms Panova in charge)
- \$2,000 dance performance
- \$3,000 visual arts or another performance experience for all students to be determined
- Please bring any suggestions to the committee

## Partner School Project Plan

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\$1000 from budget last year to give to a school in need

- Mr. Yee has found a candidate: the idea is to do outreach
- Sprucecourt Public School at Parliament and Gerard, most students live in Regent Park
- Learning Opportunities #38 = needy school for support
- Early reading intervention program for grade 1 students who need a boost to their skills = Reading recovery program an hour every day in the morning with a teacher/parent with formal training on strategies of program
- Money will go toward supplies, readers, child care for other children, white boards etc.
- Offset start-up costs for new program aided by this donation

## Garden Committee Proposal

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Special tribute area in memory of Reese Fallon including plaque and flower bed

- Include new bench already approved and tree
- Will be in touch with the family to see if they want to be involved at all

## Committee Updates

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**Monsterbash:**

- Karen's last one, Kristine Holder taking over next year and will need a whole committee involvement
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped

## Holiday Party:

- Coming up this Saturday and it's going to be amazing!

## Staff Appreciation

- Wed, Dec. 5 Krista in charge
- Parents contribute food to staff room as a thank you to teachers before the holidays
- Label containers you want returned
- Info on website and facebook page

## Email Voting Bylaw

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Looking for volunteers to help establish bylaws for email voting on school council matters to create consistency  
Be in touch with school council chairs if you'd like to volunteer to do the research and create the guidelines.

## Principal's Report

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Mr. Yee presented the Principal's Update

- Welcomed new office administrator worked at Kimberley before: Barbara Logan
- National jersey day tomorrow, Fri Nov. 23
- French Immersion in Senior Kindergarten Nov. 26 = deadline
- PA day Friday Dec. 7
- Grade 5 island school trip Dec. 12 – 15
- Executive meeting Thurs. Dec. 13
- Holiday concert schedule Thurs. Dec. 20
- Friday Dec. 21 singalong and PJ and stuffie day
- Holiday party and permits: Fri nights free, on weekend for a caretaker it costs approx \$60/hour paid for by school council or the grant \$500 is coming from province which is not the parent outreach money (\$1000 which isn't coming)

**Parent Classroom Reps:** staff need to understand what the relationship is meant to be and how it works

Mme Bruce: how are we to use the parent rep when there are already so many ways of communicating? Relevant in the days before email when classroom rep would have parent phone #s and provide reminders, these things now available instantly via email, facebook, school council websites

Julie M. says the idea is to have the classroom rep be a go-between for school council eg. No volunteers in a particular class for pizza lunch or dream baskets put together eg. 'boots on the ground'

Teachers can just add the classroom reps info to their usual communication with parents and turn it over to them whether or not they want to be in touch/receive communication.

**Hot Lunch Program:** logistics to get over that Melanie has been maneuvering, coordinating: early days still

Concerns: food waste, eco-friendly school (Mme Bruce)

- Mme Bruce showed photo of packaging included with hot lunch meal. Company says they are recycling (15 garbage bags full today). They are going through the bags and sorting-out, composting, rinsing and recycling what they can. Provided a list of materials that are recyclable. Even if recyclable they are single-use items.

- As a Platinum school our garbage is checked twice a year.
- Caretaker noticing a lot more garbage on floor after hot lunch program rather than on a typical day when kids bring their reusable containers
- Kindergarteners more difficult logistically to sort-out: garbage not all picked-up and contaminating recyclables so that they can't be, lunch bags left behind by company.
- Company not using straws at all as of Jan.
- We are this company's largest customer at the moment by far given our uptake of the service. So we have an opportunity to force change.
- Melanie: education of kids for where to put recyclables, inclusivity of kindergarten kids.
- Mr. Yee: suggestion of labelled containers and good direction for kids to sort.
- Decision to reevaluate in January and possibly have the Eco team present to council.

**Fundscrip gift card program:** Jeff Jay is taking it over from Francesca  
deadlines for ordering coming up – check out website

## **New Business**

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None

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