

# Adam Beck School Council minutes

24 January 2019

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

## Attendees

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SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Lola Scenna, Principal	Jeny Nussey (Co-Chair)	Jason Abelson
Caitlin Newnham-Kanas, VP	Julie Middleton (Treasurer)	Shannon Barber
Mr. Bines	Samantha North (Secretary)	Jane Blondie
Mme Bruce	Andrea Casciato	Shane Blondie
	Michelle Grahlman	Linette DeGraaf
	Jeff Jay	Lisa Flood
	Michelle Lavoie	Sharon Fossett
	Francesca Rea	Jennifer Haines
		Francesca Hines
		Will Macky
		Shannon Magennis
		Larissa Primeau
		Paula Sherman
		Rob Shimmon
		Melanie Zettler

## Eco Club Presentation on Single-Use Plastics

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Mme Bruce, Mr Bines and students from the Eco Club gave a visual presentation on the problems of single-use plastics and concerns and suggestions to improve issues raised over the Hot Lunch program.

Families are encouraged to sign an Environmental Declaration

Working with hot lunch program to reduce and eliminate single-use plastic eg. plastic straws

Student Hot Lunch Survey Results: Survey of student enjoyment of hot lunch program results, eg. eat all their food, favourite meal - complete with graphs!

## Welcome and Passing of Minutes

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**MOTION:** Jeny welcomed the group and asked for approval of the November minutes. Jeny proposed the motion and Lisa seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

## Principal's Report

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Ms Scenna welcomed the new Vice-Principal Caitlin Newnham

- Eco club & hot lunch being worked on. Today's went well, gentle reminders for children to eat, sort recycling/compost and clean-up
- African Heritage Month coming up in Feb: importance of having every child in the building reflected in school materials, make the month special and embed representation throughout
- Official list of clubs released tomorrow in response to parent request - included in next newsletter and listed on websites
- Kids lit program Jan 21 kids went and competed questions based on novels and did well, but didn't qualify. Group continuing
- Lego Robotics club: EV3 bricks not working which is the foundation of the club. Maybe have to shift to Science Club for now to keep it going.
- QSP total funds raised approx \$2,000. Some problems with magazines arriving at homes, complaints about prizes. Looking at possibly changing to a different fundraiser next year
- Report Cards go home Feb. 12, interviews are Feb 14 evening and Feb 15 morning.
- Kindergarten reg Feb 5 and 6
- New VP will be sending-out a quick well-being survey anonymous to students/optional: ensuring every child has someone they can go to, someone they connect to in the school.
- Reminder to touch-base with homeroom teacher first with any concerns
- Quiet Halls program important to help teachers communicate on walkie talkies
- Snow staying on the ground policy: school will call home if student safety a concern
- Jan. 31 grade 5 and 6 ski trip
- Raz-kids and Reading A-Z gives kid access to reading books on-line, levelled, includes French. Plus IXL Math. Looking into rights and getting it all available for students.
- Valentine's Dance coming up

## Committee Updates

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**STEM:** Francesca – needs help from more volunteers eg. Lego Robotics Club, Chess for grades 3 and 4, Dash & Dot accessories, U of T comes in May Gr 3-6 workshop, Scientists in the School run throughout the year

**Fundscrip** gift cards: Francesca - Not as well received this holiday, looking to maybe do something else next year.

**Bookmark design:** Michelle Lavoie – kids have handed in and judging to come

**Read-a-thon:** Michelle Lavoie - looking at upping the numbers to win prizes as 92% received prizes last year

**Visiting Artists:** Jeny: we paid for tribal visions to come in, indigenous dance & cultural demonstration  
Ms. Panova has booked author visits. Need more parents on this committee.

**Spirit Committee:** Julie M: Marlies game coming up March 2 – have until Feb. 15 to order tickets

- Skating party last Sat night even with snowstorm with about 70 people, hot chocolate and music
- Spirit Day Friday: ordering more Be a Buddy pink shirts. Adam Beck hoodies and sweatshirts will be available again next year.

**Night on the Beach:** Andrea and Jenn - considering a venue change this year. Want to run our own food and bar to raise more money. Looking for volunteers to help with décor. Bring back idea of students doing art to auction off or something involving the students in their classrooms. Volunteers need to ask local businesses for donations.

## **Finance Update**

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Julie Middleton gave her usual thorough review of the council finances to date including visuals

## **Hot Lunch Update**

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Melanie gave an update on the program and Rose Reisman's company working with Eco Club moving towards new packaging, compostable bio-degradable sustainable. Unfortunately, City of Toronto doesn't allow this new material in recycling – no ability to compost the materials that have been created as it requires an industrial composter. Can we identify the food items that have the worst packaging and discourage the purchasing of those items? School looking at ways to interact with the city to improve.

## **New Business**

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None

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