

Adam Beck School Council

21 February 2019

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Lola Scenna, Principal	Jeny Nussey (Co-Chair)	Linette DeGraaf
Mme Charest	Karen McMullin (Co-Chair)	Lisa Flood
	Julie Middleton (Treasurer)	Kristine Holder
	Samantha North (Secretary)	Kate Milligan
	Andrea Casciato	Paula Sherman
	Michelle Grahlman	Jennifer Starr
	Jennifer Haines	
	Jeff Jay	
	Michelle Lavoie	
	Francesca Rea	

Welcome and Passing of Minutes

In keeping with Indigenous Protocol and building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada, Jeny 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 January minutes. Francesca proposed the motion and Andrea seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Committee Updates

Visiting Artists: Jeny - \$8,000 set aside without pre-approval. Tribal Visions happened in Jan. Bollywood dance workshop for 2 days so everyone gets to see them booked by Mr. Mason: March 20 and Apr 5.

- Ms Panova booked English and French speaking authors to visit students in May during children's reading week.
- \$3000 put aside for visual artists for K and 1&2.

Night on the *Upper Beach*: Jenn and Andrea – changing it up a lot this year. Hosting at the school community center gym - Sat, April 6

- Bringing back art by students, canvases with Principal support to get started right away in the classrooms
- Looking for donations for silent auction as well as bar items and decorating ideas and materials.

Read-a-thon: Michelle L – 3 days left for read-a-thon, kids to hand-in forms Monday.

- Awards ceremony March 29th

Rendez-vous Café: Lisa Flood - happening this Friday morning. Would love suggestions for future cafes.

Movie Night: Michelle G - tomorrow night – no new movies available so doing an older movie which may mean lower attendance

May Fair: Michelle G - bouncy castles being booked! May 26

Spirit Committee: Julie M – Marlies game next Sat. 90s night and choir will receive info from Mr. Mason

- Be a Buddy shirts being offered for sale through Munch-a-Lunch April 10 is pink shirt day
- Tomorrow is silly hat day

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna: welcoming African history month: children studying black inventors/invention. Going to invite parents to attend class-to-class presentation of invention for heritage month like Chinese New Year parade.

- Recruiting junior students to help with NOTB canvas art projects abstract impressionism
- Eco murals by Eco team
- School improvement plan: every school in TDSB has a plan eg. standards for good school. A little more customizing, 3 facets: equity, well-being and student achievement. More info to come and feedback to be requested. Is school culturally responsive?
- Purple forms coming out soon: provide any key features parents think important to know for planning placement of child in class next school year.
- Sign out front of school was frozen stuck – to explain no updates!
- Staff parking lot: 8:15/30 worst time for parent drop-off. Please try to use Swanwick for drop-offs
- May 2 for spring concert with Mr. Mason
- Grad committee meeting coming up – email going out next week to grade 6 parents about meeting. VP will be running meeting

Finance Update

Julie M: extra money brought in for pizza lunch!

- Movie night \$1,100 to \$700 good night vs. less good night
- Sleds bought for kindergarten kids!
- Chess for grade 3 kids has started and rotating through the classrooms
- Scientists in the school coming up!
- Spring fundraisers: Movie night, Mayfair, NOTUB

Budget Increase requests

1. Jeny on behalf of Visiting Artists committee needs \$500 extra to bring in author for kindergarten classes.

Vote to approve motion to increase, seconded by Samantha. Motion passed with majority of 8 votes. Jeny abstained from vote to avoid conflict of interest.

(need to have signed up for exec in Sept to be on exec and vote = 16 total)

2. Andrea on behalf of NOTB requesting \$500 increase to go towards art project with students along with a lot of changes to event plans this year.

Vote to approve motion to increase, seconded by Francesca. Motion passed with majority of 9 votes. Jenn and Andrea abstained from vote to avoid conflict of interest.

New Business

- Rocks and Rings: Karen – bringing curling to the gym 1st week of April, 3 days all day and every student will get the opportunity to play. Steve, Karen’s husband saw it on tv and looked it up and saw it was a program and submitted the idea with a budget – great example of a parent-lead initiative.
- Kids and Stress workshop – Melanie organizing 2 seminars and info being posted
- Jeny: information about rallies if you’re opposed to new government cuts to education and removing caps on classroom size. Mme Bruce provided flyers

No meeting in March

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