

Adam Beck School Council minutes

17 October 2019

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Jarrold Bines	Andrea Casciato	Patricia Keays
Lola Scenna	Melanie Zettler	Erin O'Neil
Caitlin Newnham	Justine Purcell	Kristin Ociepa
	Christa Jay	Robin Verdun
	Heidi Visser	Michelle Grahlman
	Shannon Magennis	Sarah Nelson
	Matt Gowing	Sandra Irvine
	Jennifer Haines	Fay Sicinski
	Shawna Funston	Evangia Flores
	Lisa Flood	Darren Macnamara
	Michelle Lavoie	Saira Premji
	Paula Sherman	Aly Premji
	Christina Gjiri	Lynne Downey
	Marina Cattai	Kirk Gonnsen
	Jeff Jay	Greg Astles
	Jennifer Starr	Claudia Galdizo
	Jeny Nussey	Beth Briceno
	Julie Middleton	Sarah Jessop
		Rebekah Walker
		Jessica Earle
		Natalie Muccioli Emery
		Kirk Seeley

Minutes Review

MOTION: Julie asked for approval of the September minutes. Paula proposed the motion and Jeny seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna welcomed everyone

- Reorganization – still awaiting results of land survey for additional portable. Date TBD for changes in English primary grades but depends on having the additional space. Intent to keep children's relationships intact where possible.

- School evacuation plan – plan is in place, revised for this year. First point of contact is Blantyre school. Timothy (principal) is our contact there. Balmy Beach is the next in line and then Kimberley. We also liaise with Centre 55 and City of Toronto before and aftercare programs. In the event of an emergency, staff act as marshals for groups of students. Email blasts would be used to communicate to parents as well as Twitter account.
- Other updates
 - Halloween parade at 1pm – parents will be asked to stand along the route as volunteers.
 - Book fair Nov 11-14
 - Reports go home Nov 12, parent teacher interviews Nov 13 and 14
 - JK/SK/1/2 – will have an external company coming in for a session on self-regulation
 - Sr Kindergarten French immersion applications – November 4-29

EQAO results

Test scores and additional data available help the school and the teachers focus on particular learning needs and inform the Adam Beck School Improvement Plan

Results overview

- Noticed that many answers were left blank – makes a major difference to the scoring so is an area of focus.
- Grade 3 – scores are lower this year than past years in writing and math. Writing scores decreased Y/Y. Math scores consistently an area of focus. Reading scores are relatively high.
- Grade 6 – reading and writing very high, math has decreased.
- Comparison of grade 6s vs their grade 3 scores – significant drop in mathematics

Key part of the School Improvement Plan are the 6 threads of inclusive design – ensuring we are meeting students where they are in terms of their learning and tailoring to suit their needs.

Bylaw Review

Not looking to change much – possibly one update around email voting process for the Executive.

Committee Updates

Adopt a Family – in process for two families

STEM – chess for grade 3 has started, Codezilla for JK to gr 2. U of T engineering students in May/June for gr 3-6.

Holiday Party – planning started, photographer and Santa booked, music etc.

Gardening – in progress

Pizza Lunch – 476 pre-orders, 50 volunteers, great parent presence in JK room. Still challenging to get volunteers for the higher grades

Rendez-vous café – once a month Friday morning for parents – sponsors required for the rest of the year

Spirit committee – volunteers for parade will be needed (10-15), Spirit wear in progress, skating party being planned

Monsterbash – tickets loaded on School Cash Online, need another email. Need 60 volunteers on the day, some can be students

Mental Health – 40+ parents reached out about the committee – first 10 will form the committee. Others can still send in ideas and suggestions via email.

Recess bags (\$60 per class) will be provided.

Treasurers – budget to raise \$54,000 this year – already over \$21,000 from pizza lunch.

Presenter – Molly Pocklington: Resiliency Spectrum in Children

The Orchid and the Dandelion – book recommendation. “Orchids” are more sensitive (20% of the population) and yet can thrive the most when properly nurtured.

The Whole Brain Child – book recommendation

New Business

none

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