

Adam Beck School Council minutes

20 February 2020

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Lisa D’Innocenzo
Ms Newnham	Jeny Nussey	Tamara Hobbs
	Andrea Casciato	Andrea Kwok
	Marina Cattai	Kirk Seeley
	Lisa Flood	
	Shawna Funston	
	Christina Gjiri	
	Matt Gowing	
	Jennifer Haines	
	Christa Jay	
	Jeff Jay	
	Michelle Lavoie	
	Francesca Rea	
	Paula Sherman	
	Heidi Visser	
	Melanie Zettler	
	Samantha North	

Welcome

Jeny welcomed the group and gave the land acknowledgement including a short video explaining why we do it.

Minutes Review

MOTION: Julie asked for approval of the January minutes. Andrea 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

Ms Scenna provided updates:

- Welcomed guests to discuss the transformation of space at Kingston Rd and Main. Our councilor, Brad Bradford, posted on Twitter about the student’s artwork. Nicole presented with flowers and showed some of the children’s eco-artwork going up mid-March about 70 pieces.
- Rabbit & Bear Paw K-Gr 6 presentation delayed until June 3.
- Ottawa trip for Gr 6 – have until April 9 to send in final payment, but also fine if payment already made. Pause on payments now just in case it doesn’t go ahead. But no need to panic if you’ve already paid, families will be reimbursed. Email sent to parents.

- Fair and Wide presentation made by artists from Stouffville – vibrant, creative, historical, dance part of Visiting Artists
- Nathalie Vachon doing 3 primary shows
- Grad photo day is April 14 and can be rescheduled if necessary
- Bus safety presentation coming in for those kids who bus and going on trips and public transportation comfort on April 8
- Revamping literacy needs in classrooms – more current readers: please be in touch with school if any material comes home you find culturally inappropriate, poor representation etc.
- Centre 55 open on strike days now
- Ms Newnham is pregnant and going on maternity leave for a year – due June 7

Treasurer's Report

Matt and Jeff provided updates:

- Spent nearly 30% of budget for the year and at about 68% of our projected revenue for the year
- Fundraising: Pizza lunch still doing great, movie night
- FlipGive is an easy way to raise money for the school – Amazon and Wayfair are both there + Starbucks!
- June 6 Blue Jays game vs. Texas Rangers: tickets not yet available for sale
- Yoga mats purchased for Gr 1 and 2 – Mental Health Initiative
- Question from parent: do we have a formal program for corporate or outside sponsorship of school council?
Answer: no, we have sponsorship of individual events and we accept random donations

Committee Updates

- Julie explained that parent school council is not allowed to do any fundraising during teacher strike action. No advertising outside school hours and no events outside school hours. During school day that doesn't require teacher involvement still ok = pizza lunch fine.
- School council has 150 Blue Jays tickets to be sold – a parent can sell them but not the council
- "What happens if" worst case scenarios if the strike action continues and we can't fundraise or spend money eg. we lose Night on the Beach and Mayfair = -\$6,300
(we have to have \$6,500 in our account at end of school year)
- Wait and See mode: hold off on spending for a while – could mean we scramble to pull the events together last minute once strike over
- Consider doing an extra pizza lunch? Bring in another catering option?

MOTION: Julie proposed a motion that we put on hold projected spending on the following 4 items until next council meeting or strike action ends whichever comes first, seconded by Jen and passed by majority:

1. Positive Space Messaging
 2. Innovation Fund
 3. Technology; and
 4. Capital Fund-Kindie Yard
- Movie Night Feb. 28 cancelled
 - Read-a-thon ending Fri, Feb 28: medals being ordered, need to order trophies, design contest entries on display in library. Bookmarks went home. Tip: read every day! Looking for sponsorship to purchase books as prizes.
 - Rendez-vous Café moved to next Friday

- Spirit committee:
 - skating party booked and paid for in April that school council currently can't host – looking for private sponsor
 - Beach party day at school next Friday, fun dress-up still on.

New Business

- none

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