

Adam Beck School Council minutes

11 June 2020

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Julie Harwood Sundell
Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Jeny Nussey	Samuel Lok
	Michelle Lavoie	Samantha Mendell
	Lisa Flood	Megan Carricato
	Matthew Gowing	Michelle Weeks
	Jeff Jay	Michelle Grahlman
	Paula Sherman	Jessica Earle
	Jennifer Starr	Natalie E
	Marina Cattai	Tamara Hobbs
	Christa Jay	Liyan Ting
	Samantha North	

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Jeny welcomed the group and gave a land acknowledgement.

Given meeting is virtual, we'll take attendance based on names joining and after the meeting, please send the co-chairs your email address so we can share minutes after the meeting.

Minutes Review

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

Committee Updates

- Pizza lunch – Julie - cancellations and refund requests need to be received by next Friday. Cheques need to be issued for refunds and distributed (our bank account doesn't allow for credit card or e-transfers). Tamara has received approx. 36 emails from parents.
- Blue Jays – Julie says we rec'd our reimbursement for the game we couldn't attend last week.

- Partner School – Jeny - Eastview school partnership, cut short but fine.
- Read-a-thon – Michelle - need more help as working on other committees. Need extra money for rewards, but instead decided not to buy awards for kids who read minimum minutes and instead using that money to cover the book awards for classroom winners with Ella Minnow gift cards. Present to winners in the fall rather than now due to any potential anxiety around pandemic. Will announce winners before end of school year.
- Grade Six Grad – signs are going up on lawns since Melanie picked-up on Tues and are being distributed and they look great
 - Ms Scenna says rocks being painted over summer by students and will be handed-in to school in the Fall and we'll put together an art installation
 - Diplomas wrapped in gold and shirts gifted from the school at Wed, June 24 walk-thru time from 9-11 with bag labelled for each Grade 6 graduate to walk along and pick-up for those who feel comfortable
 - Hoping for a proper grad ceremony in the Fall, if possible OR a virtual ceremony if we have to. If we're still experiencing unusual times.
 - Email to go out
- Other Committees: booked dates for Monsterbash and holiday party but not sure what's happening in the Fall so everything is tentative.
- Becky and Kenya Spirit leads moving on next year and those positions need filling.
- Francesca STEM committee lead moving on and Justine taking it on
- Last week of school: usually we have volunteers collect money in school yard for gifts for teachers without assigned classes (there are 6) which isn't possible this year. Can someone volunteer to take on this task in a virtual nature and sort-out logistics? Jennifer Starr volunteered and hoping for further volunteers to help sort-out distributing money and buying something for teachers involved.
- Garden Committee update from Natalie: volunteers needed to maintain, weed and water gardens over the summer according to a schedule created. Jessica Earle has offered to come on as co-lead for next year.

Budget Planning for 20-21

Normally right now we would be passing the budget, but with the climate what it is we are going to form a Budget Committee in the Fall when we'll have a better of sense of planning and spending.

Motion to spend \$500 passed by Exec over email for pizza lunch spending and movie night in the fall.

Treasurer's Report

Matt and Jeff provided updates:

As a result of pandemic shut-down a number of our fundraising events weren't able to take place: Night on the Beach, Mayfair, Pizza lunches, Movie nights. Less money in, but also less expenditures eg. Grade 6 grad signs, planters for the gardens.

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna provided updates:

- Sent racism survey and received 66 responses so far. Apologized for not putting racism forward more in the past. And urges everyone to complete the survey. As a staff we are moving forward in a new direction and want input to help our impact.
- Report cards coming out looking a little different – includes a rider statement to clarify whether information being reported on occurred during regular school days or at-home time. Emailed to parents securely from central office between June 22 and 26. Will be printing and signing-off on the report cards properly in the Fall. Ms. Scenna has 4 days to read and review every report card.
- Report cards are based on work until March 13 and will use on-line time to increase performance of students, but not to decline it in any way.
- IEPs will be summarized versions.
- School board is aware that students may be worried about being behind, but everything will get sorted out when we're back to school. Curriculum expectation guides compared in terms of core concepts are always repeated and re-introduced at the beginning of term
- Belongings still in the building – rec'd 235 requests to attend school to retrieve. Anything left will be bagged and saved for the Fall other than expired medications which will be taken to Shoppers to be safely disposed of.
- Concerns about Covid in the Fall: we will be prepared to accommodate and follow all public health guidelines
- Might mean lower ratios of students, might be rotating some students come on certain days, pre-screening of health of students; school will support families with their specific needs; PPE is tbd right now, but if required, we'll ensure it's happening in a healthy way; increased signage throughout the building; encouraging children to keep hands to themselves; and if it's not working we'll be up front about that and confront it. Modified behaviour required. Could be on-line or hybrid in the Fall.
- The minute Ms Scenna gets info she will communicate it to parents to keep us informed.
- School Covid Committee set-up and sharing info constantly.
- In order to facilitate unknown waters of the pandemic – no staggered entry in the Fall.
- Potential webinar in the fall with helpful info for parents.
- Staffing Model for 2020-21: Mr. Sinclair joining full-time next year. Natalia Estervich was on leave and has now secured a position at another school. Mme Ko secured position at another school. Saying goodbye to Mr. Bines who is moving to a new school. Received 256 purple request forms.
 - Ensuring we have school class lists prior to receipt of report cards
 - Tomorrow sending out letter from Mary Jane McNamara and Sylvia Fletcher welcoming new Vice Principal joining us in the Fall

New Business

- Julie: we'll consider continuing to offer the meetings in the Fall via web to potentially allow more parents to join from home.

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