

Adam Beck School Council minutes

24 September 2020 - DRAFT

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Aaron McIntosh
Mr Volpato	Jeny Nussey	Alex Ashton
Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Jeff Jay	Andrea Arruda
Ms Mavrou	Matt Gowing	Andrea Kwok
	Samantha North	David Novak
	Alisen Richmond-Peck	Dianne Wong-Roland
	Andrea Casciato	Emily Chan
	Christa Jay	Emily Hutchinson
	Jennifer Starr	Helen Katz
	Lisa D'innocenzo	Jason Abelson
	Melanie Zettler	Jaye Fitzpatrick
	Michelle Grahlman	Jordan Breccia
	Michelle Lavoie	Julie Weston
	Paula Sherman	Justine Purcell
	Tania Marinova	Karyn Sullivan
		Kristin Ociepa
		Laura Johnson
		Lisa Flood
		Magali Boccaccio
		Marina Cattai
		Maureen Camp
		Megan Carricato
		Melissa Lanuza
		Michelle Weeks
		Natalie Emery
		Pam Warrington
		Rebecca Naves
		Sajid Qureshi

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- Jeny welcomed the group and gave a land acknowledgement & showed video.
- Orange shirt day is next Wed.

Minutes Review

MOTION: Jeny asked for approval of the June minutes. Jennifer Starr proposed the motion and Jeff Jay seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Brief Overview of School Council

- Jeny provided a brief overview of the council mandate and make-up.
- Executive and election of council officers announced and approved.

Budget Process Overview and Review of 2019-20 Finances

- Jeff gave review of budget process – things a little different this year with pandemic.
Invite and encourage parents to submit requests for new initiatives by this Friday – see info on Adam Beck School Council website.
Formalizing this year’s budget at budget meeting next week.
- Matt gave update on fundraisers and events from last school year which were all profitable – those we were able to hold!
- \$41,825 in the bank at this time.
- Normally we’d have a new budget sorted at the end of June in order to start spending in Sept, but with things as they are, we decided to wait until Fall to go through the budget process & determine what we’re able to do.
- No fundraisers until at least Nov, but finding ways to support the school & the community.

Committee Updates

- Link to form to sign-up for committees on school council website:
<https://adambeckcouncil.ca/2020/09/committee-lead-sign-up/>
- Julie listed each individual committee & its purpose & committee lead.
- Spirit Committee really important this year and needs a lead.
- Lots to reconsider given current circumstances.
- All council initiatives are parent-run & we’re always looking for new volunteers and ideas.

Principal’s Report

Ms Scenna provided updates:

- Thanked parents and students and teachers for their cooperation & excellent compliance
- Mrs. Mavrou new VP welcomed
- Process for return to school & health checks – administrators using professional discretion regarding symptoms e.g., runny noses - a doctor’s note for seasonal allergies is hugely helpful
- PPE provided by the school board is bountiful, prioritizing hand-washing
- Phone calls preferred over emails to the office
- Forms for excursion to be handled physically & cautiously
- 446 in-person school, 81 in virtual school

- Technology not used up during Covid, so we still have ours & board delivered us some more too
- Dividers for tables made by staff working great
- 3-fold plastic dividers purchased & also working well
- Field & playground spray-painted
- Strategic staff placing & cohorts for playing outside scheduled, zoned & time-tabled
- Sept 30: opt-in or out of in-person or virtual school final date – email Ms Scenna & cc Barbara Logan
 - this could mean reorganizing classrooms again, not able to satisfy social requests
- All in-school class teachers will have a Google class or Bright Space platform for students just in case we have to move to on-line again
- No visitors allowed yet
- Recess: mask break-time must be outdoors, so ensure students prepared for all weather e.g. boots, umbrellas, rain coats
- Prepared a map provided to staff in the event of a rainy day with indoor lunch
 - * if rainy and you can bring children home for lunch, please do!
- Staff had 3 days of training before school started
 - Diversity & inclusion survey, anti-black racism, white fragility training
- All staff members complete Covid training by tomorrow
- New math curriculum summarized by Mme Bettas: the government has brought the math curriculum into 2020 & removed expectations duplicated and added coding & financial literacy
- Question: if everyone ends up going virtual due to society quarantine order – would Adam Beck students migrate to remote learning or stay with their current homeroom teacher? Answer: STAY where you are.
- Still trying to hire more teachers for on-line – 77,000 virtual students, hired over 2,200 teachers, need about 200 French teachers
- Terry Fox run this year theme “Do it your way” – no collecting cash, on-line fundraiser only: walk will take place during phys ed classes
 - on Fri. Oct. 2 we’ll have a red & white day in honour of Terry Fox
- Students allowed to play on playground – looking into bags for balls, but can’t until students keeping their distance properly.
- Students doing great with social distancing outside in the beginning, but slipping now & they need that mask-free time so must work on keeping their “bubble” around them and their “zombie arms”
- Honorary Reese Fallon benches coming
- No photography allowed – Grade 6 grad update to come
- Every day the school completes a survey for government regarding absences
- TDSB response plan for Covid to be shared
- Kindergarten entry for Mme J class not fenced-in, so those children will need to be moved
- ALL guests on the property will need to wear a mask, mandatory as of today.
- Sadie and the Great Cycle challenge – so proud, teachers Mme Panova, Mrs. Damico & Mrs. Smith - teachers raised \$15,000, families riding & donating: <https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Teams/SadiesUltimateRescueRyders>
- Grade 6 tradition of going home for lunch is a worry because we need to continue conversations about social distancing
- Agendas: told not to order right now by TDSB due to contact concerns, but hoping to get them soon

New Business

- Creative Hair Day tomorrow
- Ms Scenna sending out newsletter tomorrow – share photos on Twitter that we can share if in-person or on-line learning
- Next meeting = naturopath presentation!

- ~End~