

Adam Beck School Council minutes

22 October 2020 - DRAFT

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Alex Ashton
Mr Volpato	Jeny Nussey	Anita Kapila
Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Jeff Jay	Basil Brown
Ms Mavrou	Matt Gowing	Dana Gaiu
	Samantha North	Denise Emanuel
	Andrea Casciato	Dianne Wong-Roland
	Alisen Richmond-Peck	Edna Cheung
	Christa Jay	Emily Chan
	Jenn Starr	Francesca Rea
	Lisa D'Innocenzo	Heidi Visser
	Melanie Zettler	Henna Patel
	Michelle Grahlman	Jessica Hillgrove-Stuart
	Michelle Lavoie	Jonathan Lowe
	Paula Sherman	Julie Weston
	Shannon Magennis	Kathryn Tremills
	Tania Marinova	Kristin Ociepa
		Laura Newell
		Lisa Flood
		M Veronica Amorena
		Martha Miller
		Mary Choi
		Maureen Campbell
		Melissa Lanuza
		Michelle Weeks
		Natalie Emery
		Pam Warrington Scott
		Rebecca Naves
		Robert Mitchener
		Saira Premji
		Tamara Hobbs
		Valia Reinsalu
		Victoria Badham
		Winnie Falkenstein
		Andrew MacPherson

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- Jeny welcomed the group and gave a land acknowledgement & noted the need for this coming out of the Truth & Reconciliation enquiry.

Minutes Review

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

Community Representative for Executive

MOTION: to elect Alisen Richmond-Peck whose children aren't currently enrolled at the school as our Community Rep on the Executive which is a position that has never been filled previously.

- Julie's motion seconded by Lisa D'Innocenzo and Executive voted through Zoom polling function and the motion was passed.

2020-21 Budget and Treasurers' Report

Jeff Jay and Matt Gowing presented budget passed for the year as part of the new process.

- We've trimmed our expectations for fund-raising this year due to the pandemic
- Focus on education enhancement, STEM and pizza lunch repayments
- \$41,655 started the year in the bank
- All fundraising plans are still in development and pivoting to virtual where possible eg. Holiday Party
- Outdoor classroom resources eg. stools

Flipgive Demonstration

Julie confirmed the school is signed up again this year with this easy, passive way to raise money for School Council by earning back money whenever someone uses it buying gift cards or shopping on-line

- Code is on school council with easy instructions on how to use: <https://adambeckcouncil.ca/fundraising/flipgive/> eg. Indigo, Wayfair etc.

Julie set-up an impromptu poll regarding higher attendance than ever for tonight's school council meeting to determine why?

Guest Speaker: Dr Mary Choi, Naturopath

Clinic Director and founder of Soma and Soul Wellness and parent of 4 children at Adam Beck

- Presentation on how to protect your immunity naturally
- eg. a healthy diet, good sleep, avoid alcohol, journaling, fermented foods eg. <https://www.justshutupandtryitferments.com/> company owned by Adam Beck parent

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna concentrated on communication regarding Anti-Black racism incident at the school to provide further understanding on efforts being made:

- Received advice from Equity and Inclusive Schools group
- Mandatory policy requiring that staff report such incidents
- Our actions will be monitored and supported going forward by the equity professionals and co-facilitating what we do to address this on-going
- A structured, guided process for learning
- No school improvement plan to share right now as we're working with experts to guide us in the most appropriate direction moving forward.
- Rejoin us Nov. 26 where the equity dept will be working with us and sharing individual lived experiences with us
- Protecting and promoting human rights in the school and continuing to reach out to school community with efforts that can also be made in the home.
- Focus will be on age-appropriate education for students and families in the community around discrimination and Anti-Black racism and our identities.
- Ms Scenna took questions from the group: a parent asked about how Covid efforts coming along at school in terms of social distancing and cohorts in zones keeping apart. Family communication to encourage this at home is welcome.
- Mme Bettas mentioned that students getting more comfortable in the classroom and need more reminders about distancing and an extra mask every day would be ideal along with indoor shoes welcome and dressing in layers
- School has lots of decent available extra masks
- And Happy Birthday to Ms Scenna!

Committee Updates

- Pizza Lunch update from Tamara – need to clear out money owing to parents from last year. Option to give cheque to each parent who has credit OR Pizza Pizza can pdf a gift card to each parent with the credit. How do we want to refund parents?
- Monsterbash update from Julie – each classroom receiving pumpkins to decorate and door decorating kits going out next week, plus colouring contest with Ella Minnow – also on website
- Halloween – kids can wear costumes next Friday, but no parade around neighbourhood
- Spirit update from Christa Jay – new lead!
 - Adam Beck face masks going on-sale available until Nov. 6 to purchase all on-line
- Outdoor learning support - \$4,500 put aside for stools outside and still determining what will work best and input from teachers too, storage etc. – Andrew MacPherson leading the effort
- Garden committee update from Natalie – memorial bench for Reese Fallon is going ahead, former Adam Beck mom Connie Harding coming back to help
 - Small garden committee budget for spring planting; donations welcome

New Business

- Paula Sherman signed an NDP petition for a bill to ensure schools can raise money and spend on school improvements; educational development
 - Reese Fallon laneway naming

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