

# Adam Beck School Council Minutes

21 January 2021

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Scenna	Julie Middleton	Winnie Falkenstein
Mr Volpato	Jeny Nussey	Melissa Lanuza
Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Jeff Jay	Rebecca Naves
Ms Mavrou	Matt Gowing	Kristin Ociepa
	Samantha North	Natalie Muccioli Emery
	Christa Jay	Michelle Weeks
	Jennifer Starr	Michelle Lavoie
	Paula Sherman	Jaye Fitzpatrick
	Shannon Magennis	Martha Miller
	Andrea Casciato	Emily Chan
	Michelle Grahman	Alex Ashton
		Basil Brown
		Sabrina Aziz
		Lisa Flood

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

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- Jeny welcomed the group and Winnie gave a Land Acknowledgement.

## Minutes Review

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

By-law amendments emailed in School Council email this week & on website, please contact co-chairs with any questions.

## Treasurers' Report

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Jeff & Matt gave an update on the year-to-date budget – not a lot of activity.

Highlights of spending to date:

- \$90 for colouring contest from Holiday activity for prizes.
- \$1,839 spent to refund pizza lunch orders from last year.
- Kindie Special Projects: \$17/student allocated to teachers for arts/crafts to supplement learning.
- Projecting to end the year at \$13,331 due to some surplus from non-events.

## Review of budget to reallocate pizza lunch surplus

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Julie explained pizza lunch surplus of \$5,075 due to using gift cards council had from last year. Recommended we spend this year by reallocating these funds to existing projects:

- Garden Committee budget was lowered this year: asked Natalie Muccioli for suggestions on what it could be spent on: \$60 for Spring welcome planters at front entrance & \$50 for topsoil; = **\$200** total
- Staff Appreciation budget was lowered this year: add **\$100** back for a spring event for staff. Discussion about increasing for teacher thank you signs, but agreed not to proceed with that.
- Parent Donations - \$2,000 allocated – send-out form in lieu of what they'd usually spend on fundraisers that aren't happening – suggest removing this line during these times.
- Visiting Artists budget was lowered this year – increase in order to make a social justice artist program recommended by Ms Scenna & Mme Bettas. Cost approx. \$8,000, asking School Council to contribute. Possibly on-line piece followed-up by an artist portion after with kits for students. Just juniors = \$4,500. School council contribute **\$2775**.
  - Julie launched an on-line poll with 13 in favour of reallocated spending & motion passed.
- Scientists in School: Motion to reallocate budget to cover subscription to Netmath for any class that would like to sign-up and accept that in-class won't be happening. Helps students get to the curriculum in a fun way. Provided in French & English. \$4.50/student
  - Julie launched an on-line poll to reallocate spending with 13 in favour & motion passed

## Discussion: How can council support families at this time?

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- Suggestions to bring people together with an event for families eg. Fitness, trivia night, Kahoot – can get a free trial for 1,000 people – lots of support from the group for the idea.

## Committee Updates

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- Night on the Beach: Andrea presented rebranding to “Night at Home” with a wine fundraiser through Fielding Estates winery. Each family order minimum \$100 order goes to winery & Council receives 25% of sales. \$1,000 minimum/organization. Delivery for \$200. Covid safety needs to be sorted-out. Ms. Scenna confirmed this is ok with superintendent so long as we keep it appropriate in our marketing initiatives.
- Read-a-thon: Jenn presented kicking off Feb 1<sup>st</sup>! Will include design your own bookmark resources, book recommendations & virtual reading log. Sorting-out how to keep this going during Covid times. Prizes will be \$25 gift cards from Ella Minnow per grade pulled from a draw of all students who achieve their minutes minimum.
- Adopt a Family: Julie shared that we transitioned to collecting gift cards for our families in need so they could buy their own gifts & groceries over the holidays. Received over 180 gift cards totaling almost \$5,000. Donated gift cards to our families to support Community Center 55 adopt-a-family initiative.
- Visiting Artists: Jeny presented. Jan 26 spoken word artists booked for grades 4-6. Rabbit and Bear Paws puppet performance on Feb. 16.
- Mental Health: Jenn presented working with Ms Scenna to buy supplies for classes to support students eg. stress relief balls, relaxation place for when possible.

## Principal's Report

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Ms. Scenna: thanking all families for their support during these times while we switch to virtual learning and same recesses and lunch break. Looking at new resources for students & ways to make things easy to navigate.

- Staff meeting today provided feedback eg. paying attention to audience and pausing to encourage everyone to rejoin on-line class. Element of homework and how that could be changed-up. Keep-up signing as we're at home & allowed.
- Huge outpouring of thanks from adopt-a-families this year.
- Report cards meant to go home Feb. 9, but still not sure how it'll be handled.
- Staff will be connecting to those who require or would benefit from a meeting Thurs Feb. 11 after school hours & Fri Feb. 12 morning or arrange an alternate time.
- School Swapping – moving from virtual to in-class. Jan. 29 is still last day families can opt for a switch.
- Professional learning – big focus on early years. Special education dept in collaboration with Early Years dept set-up workshops around inclusive learning & culturally relevant learning eg. how to approach racism at younger ages.
  - Mr. Volpato presented a collaborative inquiry process: looking at ways to support students in learning by investigating key data indicators.
    - Inquiry question: how might we impact student's overall numeration skills of our students when we use Daily High Yield Math Routines to build overall computation skills and assist our students towards bridging the gap in the New Math curriculum?
    - Solution: Implementing Daily Math Routines to build communication skills in math = The Seven Routines.
- Ms Scenna continued with African Heritage month of Feb.
- Wed Feb 10 Valentine's Dance for students! Australian group X Movement going to join virtual classes for a dance party. 20-40 mins/class.
- Able to process & finalize & receive 15 free Chrome books in a cart for school.
- Tomorrow is Adam Beck Spirit Day – wear blue & yellow.
- Grade 3 parents – Jan 29 last day for Grade 4 entry to middle French Immersion.

## **New Business**

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- Jeny reminded everyone that they can always suggest items for the agenda for the meetings.
- Jeny's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a Co-chair and is stepping-back next year. Looking for a new Co-chair who will commit to 2 years on the committee. Start planning & asking questions!

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