

Adam Beck School Council
Minutes 20 January 2022
6:30 to 8:30pm
Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Meddick Ms Mavrou Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Alex Ashton Christa Jay Jeff Jay Jeny Nussey Jennifer Starr Jenny Struyk Lisa D’Innocenzo Melissa Lanuza Michelle Grahlman Paula Sherman Samantha North Teresa Miller Winnie Falkenstein	Michelle Weeks Julie Harwood Saira Premji Kristin Ociepa Laura Timms Rebecca Naves Martha Miller Emily Chan Jeremy Hartman Natalie Muccioli Emery Marina Cattai

Welcome

Julie Middleton welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Shannon Magennis gave a land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

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

Committee Updates

- Stem: Alison MacPherson has agreed to be the new lead!
 - received a donation from Ashley McInnis for \$1,500 to sponsor Stem Program this year.
- Read-a-thon: Jenn noted we are starting Feb. 1 again with the same program as last year and more communications to come.
- Night on the Beach: Jenn, no news as it depends on how things look in the Spring. Possible to have an on-line auction? Looking for new ideas.

- Mayfair: Michelle thinks it should be able to happen as it's outside. But not sure we'll be allowed to offer food. Still going to cost around \$6,500 for bouncy castles. Looking for new people to run the event.
- Equity: Winnie Falkenstein thanked Jeny Nussey for applying for program.
 - have Rania coming in Tues Mar 22, promotional material to come.
- Mabel's Labels: reminder that using this service brings money in for school council.
- FlipGive: question from Teresa Miller about how it works answered by Julie – when you shop through the website using our school code, money goes to school council.
- Grade 6 Graduation: Samantha North queried budget (= \$750 included under AB Spirit budget line)

Treasurer's Update

Jeny Nussey has agreed to join Jeff Jay as co-treasurer!

Jeff and Jeny gave update:

- Donation and spending highlights
- School cash on-line donations up to \$5,475
- \$141.25 spent on Story Day
- Holiday party spent \$140 on colouring contest prizes
- Adopt-a-Family had enough donations to cover their costs this year
- Current budget is short funds due to continued restrictions and inability to fundraise at the moment – but we remain hopeful..
- Restriction right now on any workshops in-person or on-line unless a TDSB employee – Ms Scenna waiting on response regarding go-ahead.
- Note to all committee leads: check with co-chairs before spending any funds at this time.

Principal's Report

Ms Scenna

- Grade 6 grad: getting photos done next week with staff taking photos. Planning to get started with ideas early and a plan B if unable to do an in-person outdoor ceremony.
- 1st virtual assembly of the year today reaffirming expectations of students.
- Excellent re-start to the year, lots of fun snow play. Shortened recesses today due to cold temperatures.
- In-person & online learning changes: virtual learning as of Feb 22 and can't switch back. Looks like we won't have to re-org as a result. (only 5 children, 3 families switching to on-line)
- Staff learning – approaching staff with a book called Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad. Eg. Hijab Boutique story.
- School staff liaises with school council equity team. Equity team roadmap.
- Supporting student learning around equity eg. mean pranks and jokes, comments. Engaging students in conversation to develop problem-solving and how these things connect to discrimination.
- Looking into fun student activities ahead eg. Valentine's Day – dancing, heart grams.
- Mme Bettas-Protopapas & Mme Annis helped with sorting through all the tech to be delivered for remote learning
- COVID action: 2 rapid tests sent home with each student today. 3-ply masks on their way to the school still.

New Business

- Shannon indicated that by-laws need updating – looking for volunteers to help as it requires multiple people. Needs to be done by May. Jenn, Michelle and Sam offered to participate.
- Mme Bettas-Protopapas offered to volunteer for a pie in the face at Mayfair 😊

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