

Adam Beck School Council Minutes

24 February 2022

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Meddick Ms Mavrou Mme Bettas-Protopapas	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Christa Jay Jeff Jay Jeny Nussey Jennifer Starr Jenny Struyk Melissa Lanuza Michelle Grahlman Paula Sherman Samantha North Teresa Miller	Alison MacPherson Ruth Annis Michelle Weeks Marina Cattai Laura Johnson Laura Newell Laura Timms Aaron McIntosh Natalie Muccioli Emily Chan Martha Miller Rebecca Naves Neil Hrab Kathryn Tenkate

Welcome

Shannon Magennis welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Julie Middleton offered a land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

MOTION: Shannon asked for approval of the January 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.

Committee Updates

- Read-a-thon: Jenn and Sam gave an update that read-a-thon finishes Feb. 28 with submissions of minutes to be sent in via the form provided by Mar. 4.
- Spirit: Julie provided an update that beach wear coming up tomorrow. Spirit week to come with a number of special days.
- Equity: Jeny provided a reminder that Rania L booked for Mar 22 at 7pm virtual presentation.
- Mayfair: Michelle Grahlman working on a quote for bouncy castles. Bucket for throwing water at Mme Bettas (and maybe some other teachers). Cotton candy machine.

- Night on the Beach: Julie explained we're moving forward with an in-person event, figuring out the rules and what we'll be able to do. Still looking for more committee members. Jeny noted we're looking into artwork for students to complete in class and be auctioned off.
 - Julie asked Ms Meddick about insurance in place for events taking place at the school.
- Plantables: Julie noted our fundraiser where you can buy plants delivered to your home.
- Grade 6 Legacy Art project: Ms Mavrou has put a call-out for parents to join the grade 6 grad committee and that will help jump-off the Art project committee.
- Pizza Lunch: Julie confirmed they are still not allowed to happen.

Treasurer's Update

Jeff Jay – 3rd year as Treasurer and this is his quietest update – no spending recently and changes since January. Still hopeful we'll have an opportunity to carry-out our spring fundraising.

- Jeff suggested budget committee meeting soon to review spending/fundraising and update according to reality.
- Currently at risk of ending the school year with an overdrawn bank balance.
- Jeny asked if we're allowed to host external visitors to come to classrooms and Ms Meddick indicated that if it's connected to partnership programs with TDSB vendors where pre-screening takes place eg. Grade 6 grad photos going ahead, chess club, LEGO. Ms Meddick looking into more possibilities.

Principal's Report

Ms Meddick

- Busy week, school received next year's projections for school population: next year for the first time ever French Immersion is starting in JK. There will be a virtual school option for next year where you commit to that for the full year.
- Pink Shirt Day celebrated this week. In April we'll be celebrating pink day as well. Link to some great books on bullying and mental health resources put together by Ms Panova:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10Wlls7S8l3MYJL5EwIPgqH3vhXxgsj513xUI8cdMv7E/edit#slide=id.p>
- African Heritage month: Mr. Mason has been amplifying black artists with examples and in-depth conversations.
- Professional development workshop last night honouring individual identities. Example of some of the tools: Bino & Fino accessible videos on youtube.
- Every classroom has taken a different approach to conversations around values and goals eg. Nia for grade 5/6 = sense of purpose.
- Valentine's Day dance DJed by Mr. Volpato = great time.
- Grade 6 Grad Planning is underway – TDSB has not yet finalized its decision around in-person or virtual grad ceremony in Spring/Summer.
- Mme Dale returning and grateful for Pamela Kaushal-Bell who is heading back to Blake St. from Mme Pittas class.
- Rapid tests available upon request as needed at school.
- Ice on school property – dangerous, frightening and frustrating: we have connected with head of caretaking regarding leaking, flooding, massive quantities of thick ice. Drainage issue partially caused by wood chips going into basins – considering removing wood chips and replacing with spongey foundation.
 - Questions from Julie and Laura Johnson about ice and flooding.
 - Doing neighbourhood walks and indoor lunch breaks to avoid ice.
 - Parents please feel free to email Ms Meddick with any questions/concerns OR funnel those emails to chairs of school council and they'll consolidate and share with Ms Meddick.
 - Jeny asked how parents can help/contribute.
 - TDSB parent concern protocol.

New Business

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