

# Adam Beck School Council Minutes

21 April 2022

6:30 to 8:30pm

Video Call

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Ms Meddick Mme Bettas-Protopapas Mme Annis	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Christa Jay Jeff Jay Jeny Nussey Jenny Struyk Melissa Lanuza Michelle Grahlman Paula Sherman Samantha North Lisa D’Innocenzo Winnie Falkenstein Alex Ashton	Natalie Muccioli Emery Jennifer Haines Diane Wong-Roland Michelle Weeks Jing Yao Rebecca Naves Martha Miller Melanie Zettler Aaron McIntosh Alison MacPherson Emily Chan

## Welcome

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Julie Middleton welcomed everyone.

## Land Acknowledgement

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Shannon Magennis gave a land acknowledgement.

## Minutes Review

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**MOTION:** Julie asked for approval of the February minutes. Alison MacPherson proposed the motion and Jenny Struyk seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

## Committee Updates

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- Night on the Beach: Julie gave an update that Jan O’Reilly leading the committee. Happening Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. lots of donations received for prizes. Richards Group is our Platinum Sponsor. Tickets going on sale in May at \$25.00 each. DJ is booked along with Balmy Beach Club.
- Movie Night: this Friday night! Sing 2!
- Mayfair: bouncy castles booked. Ashley McInnis sponsoring again.
- Pizza Lunch: wildly successful! We brought in over \$1,300 net with over 360 students participating. Next one is May 4.

- STEM: Alison gave the update that we have chess coming up next week for select classes and 7 classes doing Scientists in the School virtually. Make-do kits distributed to select classrooms. Any other parents interested in getting involved in the committee or brainstorming
- Garden: Natalie gave update on work from the Fall now noticeable coming up in the gardens. Need more volunteers to help with gardening on the weekends. Donations of plants always welcome too. Ms Meddick confirmed classes can now participate in outdoor gardening activities again.
- Online Fundraising: Plantables, Mabels Labels and Flipgive - Julie reminded all still active fundraising initiatives available to support School Council initiatives.
- Equity: Ms Meddick looking to order new books. Jeny and Ms Meddick indicated some social justice-based posters arrived to put up in school.
- Visiting Artists: hoping to do something else before end of school year. A few classes painting canvases that will be used to auction off at Night on the Beach.

\*reminder for committee leads to submit budget updates

## Turf Survey Results

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Julie provided results of survey regarding interest in an initiative to put turf in the school playground.

- How interested are you in replacing the current grass field with artificial turf: 55% of respondents somewhat/very interested.
- How much funds? 45% of respondents indicated \$5,000 or less.
- Comments ranged from support to reasons why not, addressing drainage etc.
- Next Steps: consult with TDSB to identify process, committee to liaise with school admin, TDSB and council.
- Ms Meddick provide info on some Spring plans and requests still in process eg. outdoor learning area etc.

## Treasurer's Update

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Jeff Jay – end of March budget revised due to lack of ability to fundraise this school year up until then. Night on the Beach, School Cash online donations increased and Equity amount increased.

- Expecting increased fundraising income due to opening up.
- Jeny reviewed highlights of recent spending: blank canvases for painting, Make-do kits that STEM purchased, Readathon prizes of Ella Minnow gift cards.
- Expecting to end the year with +\$215.
- Budget submissions for 2022-2023 school year due in Friday, April 29.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Budget committee meeting is tentatively set for May 11.

## Principal's Report

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Ms Meddick expressed gratitude for students and parent community for understanding during all the changes and pivots this school year.

- Shared school model for next year. Closed to open enrollment due to our soaring population. French immersion starting in JK for first time ever next year.
- Purple placement forms to come home next week to allow parent to submit any considerations and return to homeroom teacher.
- International Day of Pink – virtual assembly and parade. Adam Beck vision.
- Strong focus on combating bullying.
- Important conversations about healthy relationships.

- “The Zones of Regulation” signage is part of the dialogue.
- Staff engaging in dialogue around Me & White Supremacy book circle.
- Yakos is our liaison with Extra Ed – come in to host extracurriculars and events – offering us 6 weeks of Coding and Lego after school that parents can opt for \$. Grades 1-6. Tentative dates May 4&5 to June 8&9.
- Ms Smith learning what sports and events possibilities there are.
- Grade 6 Grad planning underway with Ms Mavrou. Committee meeting again next week planning in-person event.
- Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer read by some staff and discussion around reciprocal relationship with nature.

## **New Business**

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- Julie indicated last meeting in June to continue on Zoom with plans to be in-person and hybrid next school year.
- Mme Bettas reminded that she has volunteered for water bucket dunk at Mayfair – looking for more teachers to join!

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