

Adam Beck School Council Minutes
20 October 2022
6:30 to 8:30pm
Hybrid – in-person and virtual

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Mrs Meddick Mme Annis	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Jeff Jay Jeny Nussey Samantha North Christa Jay Helen Katz Jenny Struyk Laura Newell Melanie Zettler Patrick Stewart Paula Sherman Teresa Miller	Corinne Lynds Pim Schotanus Laura Johnson Jonathan Lowe Alexandre Goncalves Michelle Weeks Melissa Lanuza Lisa D’Innocenzo Nadine Cann-Burke Brooke Cannux Katie Baglole Laura Timms Jing Yao Tamara Hobbs Natalie Muccioli Emery Jessica Vink Martha Miller Elina Shen Aaron McIntosh Lindsey Gray Mimi Rego Basil Brown Lori Abramovitch

Welcome + Review of Online Meeting Protocols and Introductions

Co-chair Julie Middleton welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Shannon Magennis gave a land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

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

Construction Update:

Pim, construction foreman gave overview of construction project – boilers from 1920s, radiant wall-mounted devices in classrooms came out in summer. Began in March – removed over 20,000 lbs of steel from boiler room. New system = hot water system. This coming Thurs should have heat running into all classrooms. Deployed smaller heaters throughout classrooms with more coming tomorrow. Priority is the safety of the children

Committee Updates

- Spirit – Christa Jay lead
- Classroom Reps – Julie gave update: 2 classrooms still require reps.
- Grade 6 Legacy – partners with school admin
- Grant Applications – needs volunteers to lead and administer
- Holiday Party – Michelle Weeks gave the update: Sat. Nov. 26 10am-2pm will include live holiday music, Santa visit & photos, pancake breakfast, crafts, market, used book sale, clothes donations.
- Mental Wellbeing – Julie gave update on presentation at next School Council meeting Nov. 24. after a presentation for students during the day as well as staff.
- Monsterbash – Aaron McIntosh gave the update: need lots of volunteers for the day-of. There will be food for sale. Phenomenal group of volunteers already purchased and filled loot bags. Different hallway games added-in, wildlife expo, haunted house, scavenger hunt. Pre-sales end Tues, Oct. 26. Signs are posted outside school. Creating a spreadsheet with notes for future Monsterbash teams to follow.
- Movie Night – Samantha gave update on how well-attended and fun the event on Oct. 14 was and another movie night coming soon on Nov. 4.
- Pizza Lunch – Tamara Hobbs gave an update on pizza lunch yesterday, Oct. 19. Almost exact same numbers as last time. 111 pizzas delivered yesterday morning and happy with Papa John's in terms of timing, product and pricing. Need 6-8 parent volunteers and back-ups - send email to pizza lunch if parents interested.
 - Parent asked how it's decided who eats in classrooms and who eats in gym for pizza lunch. Mrs Meddick answered that gym lunch of all students too noisy and chaotic for some students and decided with proper teacher supervision some classes could stay in classroom based on geography = placement of rooms.
- School Garden - Natalie Muccioli Emery – Fall planting day was a great success with students and clean-up of leaves.
- Staff Appreciation – Julie gave update on this event upcoming Dec. 20.
 - Parent asked if we might be allowed to provide home-baking again = can't see why not.
- STEM – Ms Annis gave the update: Chess started today with 3 groups hosted, Ms Butler, Mme Dunbar & Mrs. MacDonald. Alison MacPherson, the committee lead has provided all program ideas and they're reviewing.
 - Christa Jay asked if the grade 4s who didn't get chess last year might get it this year. Ms Annis will look into.
 - Parent asked who provides the chess instruction – TDSB approved vendor Chess & Math (Brett.)
 - Parent asked which grade 3 classes and how that was determined – Ms Annis answered only available Thursdays and 3 classes that day so depends on teacher interest, timing working etc.
 - Parent who is a teacher mentioned another chess vendor they could recommend.
- Spirit: Julie gave update about DJ Mike party that was amazing!

- School colours day on Fridays to wear blue & gold or Adam Beck gear.
- Oct. 31 Halloween costume day
- Toronto Marlies game in Feb that includes family skate after and choir sings National anthem.

Treasurer Update

Jeff Jay and Pat Co-Treasurers presented

- Fundraising is well underway.
- Teachers have started spending funds allotted.
- Pizza Lunch a great success net income \$1465. Movie Night brought in over \$726 net.
- Had a little Mable's Labels money from last year come in, and parent donations.
- Spending highlights: DJ dance party and Santa deposit for Holiday Party.
- Started year with \$45,000 and expected to end at about \$4,800 to still spend or add to hold-over for next year.
 - Paula indicated children loved bubble machine addition to DJ Mike's dance party.
 - Jeny asked about extra money and how/when we'll decide what to do with it – leave to Council to determine in future.
 - Parent asked about \$ aside to subsidize some additional field trips or equity opportunities.

Hot Lunch - Melanie Zettler responded to parent question about Hot Lunch and when it will return. Would have started in October, but due to construction project delayed until November. Mrs. Meddick indicated it'll be offered once a week to start and see how it goes. BYOC – bring your own cutlery.

Principal's Report

Mrs Meddick

- Reviewed departure of Mrs Brown email that was sent out today.
- Peach coloured piece of paper handed out at meeting and Google Form for those at home with queries.
- Lots happening at the school: running, sports and activities going strong. Endeavour to provide more notice of upcoming activities.
- School Improvement Plan – individual schools allowed to determine the specific needs of their school and community. Focus now on how children feel going to school (after 3 years of inconsistency in coming together).
 - Written down & recorded what staff wants to see.
 - Requested anonymous feedback.
 - Adam Beck Equity Learning Plan – will take years to come to fruition and requires in-house staff, teachers in the classroom and the community eg. events.
 - On the PA day the staff reviewed the question: How can we create classroom conditions to facilitate courageous/challenging conversations around race, racism and anti-racism?
 - School staff is in a book circle.
 - Positive Space Ambassadors among students.
 - Intersectionality
 - TDSB has a portal logging and documenting incidents of racism.
 - Ms Kudsia expert in right to read and sharing with other staff.
- Adam Beck Budget currently being finalized by in-house committee – 479 students enrolled at school.
- School Twitter account run by Mrs Meddick eg. Orange Shirt day assembly somber and amazing with all students wearing shirts and some classes presented, and discussions in all classes.

- Books *When We Were Alone* and *On the Trapline* purchased by School Council for school.
- TDSB Tutoring Programs to support student learning – have until Friday to inform central about how many teachers available to provide tutoring for 5 weeks 2-3 times a week at no cost to students. Who can access is still to be determined.
- Early French Immersion begins in junior kindergarten – applications open 31 Oct 2022 and close 25 Nov 2022.
- Toronto Island School is taking place for grades 5 and 6. Grade 5 going Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 9-11 for Grade 6.
- Moore Family nominated the school and we won an Earth Rangers visit on Oct. 27.
- Remembrance Day – A Walk to Remember: week of Remembrance Day poppies placed on lawns of specific local homes of soldiers who fought in WWI or WWII. Scan a QR code on the poppy and you'll be directed to a page of historical info. Teachers will be talking about it with students and taking them out for walks.

New Business

None.

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