

## Adam Beck School Council Minutes

19 January 2023

6:30 to 8:30pm

In-Person & Virtual

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Mrs Meddick Ms Mavrou Mr Mason	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Jeff Jay Christa Jay Helen Katz Laura Newell Samantha North Jeny Nussey Patrick Stewart Jenny Struyk	Jing Yao Michelle Weeks Nadine Cann-Burke Mimi Rego Melissa Lanuza Lisa D’Innocenzo Janina Fogels Emily Chan Martha Miller Dianne Wong-Roland

### Welcome

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Co-chair Julie Middleton welcomed everyone.

### Land Acknowledgement

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Co-chair Shannon Magennis gave a land acknowledgement.

### Minutes Review

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**MOTION:** Julie asked for approval of the November minutes. Shannon proposed the motion and Jeny Nussey seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

### Committee Updates

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- Holiday Party – Julie gave update on successful party in November.
- Adopt-a-Family – Melissa Lanuza gave the update: received \$4,500 in gift cards overall and all delivered and went smoothly.
- Movie Night – next one is coming up tomorrow, this Friday.
- Read-a-thon – runs for the month of February and students can win prizes through a draw per classroom if they complete at least the minimum number of minutes were grade level.
- Night on the Beach – Laura gave update that we have a date = Friday, April 14 at Balmy Beach Club.

- Spirit – Jenny Struyk gave update: Marlies game in Feb tickets for sale now; choir singing anthem, after game family skate, 80 students chosen by draw will get to run through fan tunnel.
  - Everyone attending must buy a ticket including choir and parents.
  - Link on School Council website to purchase tickets.
  - Pink Shirt Day sale available until Mon, Jan. 23. Only sold every other year. \$1 from every sale goes toward School Council initiatives.
  - School colour days are almost every Friday (some appropriate exceptions).
- Pizza Lunch – Julie gave update for Tamara that all is going well. We need a new volunteer to work toward taking over the lead on this in the next school year.
- Mayfair – Lisa D’Innocenzo gave update that they’ve had a kick-off meeting and looking for more volunteers.
  - Platinum sponsor Ashley McInnis again!
- Equity – Jeny Nussey gave update that Pro Grant received of \$1,300 to bring in a speaker.

## Treasurer Update

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Jeff Jay and Pat Stewart provided update:

- Numbers to date and the budget vs actual spending – overall message is that there is still lots of money left under a number of committee lines and they’re encouraged to spend on activities they have committed to eg. education Enhancement and STEM.
- Fundraising to date indicates Monster Bash did really well and Pizza Lunch excelling.
- Expenditures: Yoga/Mindfulness classes and Fall Chess classes happened and further classes to come
  - Holiday Party cost money but brought in money too, Mental well-being presentation, School Garden committee did back to school planting and winter planters.
  - Hockey tryouts at Ted Reeve, Website domain renewal, Adopt-a-family.

Julie raised that we may need to lower budget expectation for Movie Night given we had to cancel one and having trouble sourcing newer movies to show.

Jeny ensures Visiting Artists plan to spend their budget!

## Bylaw Update Vote

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Shannon – TDSB has come to all schools with template for new bylaws. Document will be shared with Executive to vote on in Feb.

## Principal’s Report

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Mrs Meddick presented.

- Began month with Martin Luther King Junior Day materials to share with students.
- Staff came together to discuss efforts on social justice and equity – watched video on pipeline of schools to prisons eg. 81% of children in foster care were Black and only 8% of children in Ontario that year were Black. In 2017 percentage of students in academic stream in high schools were 81% white.
- Importance of revisiting student experience in schools (will share YouTube video).
- Equity meeting with School Council recently: plan for mural project within school foyer. Artist guides students in their artwork.

- Part of heating project completion (almost done!) involves repainting and carpeting the library and further rejuvenation as a reward for our patience 😊
- Julie queried who is paying for mural – school has a budget for it and will potentially request additional funds from School Council.
- New Tutoring Information – in Fall survey on student interest in tutoring which was huge with limited resources and sessions. Additional funding offered and able to offer tutoring to those on original list. Optimistic we'll be able to offer a third session to satisfy all interest.
- Community-Based Tutoring is also offered to families of the TDSB that individuals can access directly. Brainfuse & Paper.
- EQAO window is May 10<sup>th</sup>-June 14<sup>th</sup> for grades 3 and 6. Grade 3 for French immersion students is math only. No EQAO during COVID. It is now on-line. Grade 6 math is in English.
- Eco-Friendly Alternatives to Trip Bus Fees – shortage of TDSB school buses available and times as well as cost to use them has approx. doubled means TTC is being used more often.
- Grade 6 graduation fundraiser to come = cookie dough available to sell by all students.
- Safe and Caring Schools committee looking for School Council executive member to join meetings – Janina Fogelsman class rep offered to do it.
- STEM presented by Mr. Mason in his position of responsibility with Mme Annis liaising with committees and staff.
- STEM Funds:
  1. staff expressed interest in Scientist in the School for Kindie to Grade 4. Grade 5&6 classes receiving coding workshops.
  2. STEM/Skilled Trades parent guest speakers facilitated by parent Alison MacPherson.
  3. Makedo Kits available for anyone interested. <https://www.littleinventors.org/>
- Finalizing Visiting Artists performances to come April 19 and May 8 and in-class projects as well.
- Dragon Parade by Kindies tomorrow at 8:15 am!

## **New Business**

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- Julie displayed School Council calendar that can also be downloaded: <https://adambeckcouncil.ca/calendar/>

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