

Adam Beck School Council Minutes
23 February 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 Teresa Miller Laura Newell Samantha North Jeny Nussey Patrick Stewart Jenny Struyk	Jan O'Reilly Emily Chan Marina Cattai Mimi Rego Martha Miller Nail Hrab Jing Yao

Welcome

Co-chair Shannon Magennis welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Julie Middleton gave a land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

MOTION: Shannon asked for approval of the January minutes. Jeff Jay proposed the motion and Helen Katz seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Committee Updates

- Visiting Artists – Jeny Nussey: committee has booked through Vibe Arts affordable artists visits for all classes – first starting tomorrow with 4 classes having comic book artist visit. Another in March with photography and mixed media later on. Teachers had 2-3 options to choose from.
 - Mr. Mason has booked Prologue dance company with an all-school presentation in May. African musician and storyteller for younger classes in April. Mme Bettas working on author visit to come.
- Equity – Laura gave update that virtual speaker event with David A. Robertson Tues, Mar 21.

- Movie Night – Sam: next one coming up Fri, Mar 3 and just completed in-class vote with winner of Puss and Boots: The Last Wish. Don't forget the fabulous \$5 Bear Paw special!
- Read-a-thon – Sam: finishing-up on Tues, Feb. 28 with reading logs due-in by Fri, Mar. 3 by Google form. Bookmarks were distributed in-class last week printed by the good people at the Mail Slot on Queen St. E.
- Night on the Beach – Jan O'Reilly: donation email has gone out and communications rolling out to school and local business area to support silent auction. Main sponsor still to be confirmed. DJ, date + venue is booked. Julie addressed question of co-sponsorship and how to handle.
- STEM: chess being introduced to new classes, parents giving presentations continues, scientists in the school doing coding lessons.
- Spirit – Christa Jay: Marlies game was a huge success – thank you to Mr. Mason for his time & effort with the choir. Pink shirts still coming in.
- Mayfair – Lisa D'Innocenzo mentioned in email earlier that bouncy castles all booked!
- School Council Closets (3) – Teresa Miller: clearing out lots of expired/items we can't use. Labelling and tidying and may even create form of all items included in closets for easy reference in future!

Treasurer Update

Jeff Jay and Pat Stewart provided update:

- Quiet January, not too much activity. Budget still expected to end year with \$4,500. Better based on actual numbers at this point.
- Fundraising highlights to date: January movie night \$692 net revenue. Pizza lunch money in to end of Dec. = \$2,610. Night on the Beach expenditure on venue of \$678.
- Spending highlights to date: \$10,000 total across fundraising expenses so far eg. yoga \$650.
- Expecting about \$30,000 further money in and nearly \$14,000 money out.
- Jeny question: Equality donation – does School Council approve who money goes to? Ms. Meddick recalls overall expense proposal approved without exact details. Last year = \$1,000 to Eastview school. Confirm in budget what exactly requires approval.
- Phys Ed general nearly \$3,000 budgeted on curling nets for Ms. Smith.
Recess Bags: Julie explained this expense item – Marina Cattai offered to manage and Jenny Struyk offered to help.
- IXL Math \$400 budgeted for on-line subscription still to spend.
- Summary of projected cash flow provided.

Bylaw Update Vote

Shannon – Executive received updated Bylaws to review 2 weeks ago based on TDSB requirement to bring School Councils in-line with a number of mandated sections. Noted a couple of changes since new Bylaws distributed.

Julie launched a vote for those on the School Council executive virtual and in-person to pass the Updated Bylaws

- 5 in the room voted in favour
- 7 on virtual call voted in favour

As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the Updated Bylaws were passed and will be submitted again to TDSB to approve and then shared on the School Council website.

Principal's Report

Mrs Meddick presented.

- Forecast for Fall numbers starts now by head office and helps to generate staffing.
- Rolling waitlist to be offered for early French immersion students. Adding some innovations to make us more inclusive and will provide further details later.
- Thank you to families for patience during boiler problem due to electrical panel failure leading to loss of heat and day of school cancelled - will not happen again.
- Boiler system is now fully operational, but a number of items still in progress to be completed by summer.
- Condition of our field: we continue to seek opportunities eg. Ms Meddick idea to have students create pine mulch paths with students.
- African Heritage/Black History month – grateful for announcements, projects, books shared and will compile something to show in a future newsletter.
- Have a Heart Day eg. Kindergarten students with their reading buddies wrote letters to Prime Minister asking that we support Jordan's Principle.
- Grade 6 trip June 7-9 to a camp in lieu of Ottawa as less expensive option.
- Grade 5 Island camp trip to be re-booked from cancelled trip in Nov.
- Grade 6 grad photos booked for April 4 with graduation happening Friday, June 23.
- Terra Cotta cookie dough fundraising to start soon.
- Tomorrow = Hundredth day of school **100**
- Surprise \$700 received this week from TDSB for mental health initiatives – being used to revamp sensory room.
- Positive Space Ambassadors doing great things around the school eg. activities, presentations and hosting collaborative games during recess
 - Julie mentioned vests found in School Council closet that PSAs could use to be noticed and found around school.

New Business

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