

## Adam Beck School Council Minutes

20 April 2023

6:30 to 8:30pm

In-Person & Virtual

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Mrs Meddick Ms Mavrou Ms Annis	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Jeff Jay Christa Jay Helen Katz Teresa Miller Laura Newell Samantha North Jeny Nussey Patrick Stewart Jenny Struyk Paula Sherman	Natalie Muccioli Emery Laura Timms Neil Hrab Emily Chan Michelle Weeks

### 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 February minutes. Shannon proposed the motion and Jeff Jay seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

### Committee Updates

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- Online Fundraising – Shannon mentioned Plantables fundraiser to order herbs, fruit & vegetable plants delivered to door and school council receives 10% of orders.
- Equity – Laura mentioned talk by David A. Robertson paid by Innovation grant and some of his books bought for a random draw with participants.
  - Get Real Movement inclusive workshop.
  - Money set aside to buy books for school – looking for suggestions for junior grades.

- Movie Night – Sam: next and LAST one coming up Fri, Apr 28 and going with Puss and Boots: The Last Wish as it was the planned movie for the previous cancelled Movie Night.
- Night on the Beach – Julie gave recap of last week's event – 121 tickets sold almost a sell-out (130 total) and some staff attended. Beautiful night. \$10,000 raised through ticket sales, sponsorship, silent auction and art auction done a little differently.
- Spirit – Jenny S gave update on Spring Spirit week of themed days.
  - Family Skate had about 100 people show-up for a fun afternoon.
  - School colours spirit wear every Friday.
  - April 28<sup>th</sup> is career day and students can dress how they want to be when they grow-up.
  - June 25<sup>th</sup> for Blue Jays game – tickets on-sale soon.
- Mayfair – Shannon gave update that Platinum sponsor and another confirmed for \$2,000. BBQ not allowed on school property – looking for quote from M&M meats for pricing. Photo booth in the past – looking for ideas from previous years (Ashley McInnis previously). Dream baskets – smaller but perhaps better.
- Garden – Natalie gave update that garden is beginning to wake-up for Spring. We need to start cleaning-up to prepare for planting with students and looking for volunteers to help.
- Staff Appreciation – happening next week!
- Book Fair – Alison looking for 4 volunteers May 8-12 – Google Docs form to be sent-out.
- Visiting Artists – Jeny gave update on Njacko Backo presentation to primary students.
  - Little Pear dance company coming in May.
  - Last couple of months has had visual artists – Vibe Arts eg. Kindergarten having clay, older grades having textile art, photography.
- STEM: Ms Annis – amazing programs coming in through Extra Ed with French immersion Grade 5&6 so far (as timing didn't work yet for English). Python advanced coding system with devices.
  - Primary teachers signed-up for Scientists in the School.
  - Chess was great, try to get into a new program next year mentioned by parent.
  - No teachers have yet picked-up on parent volunteers to discuss their own career in STEM – reminder to be sent.
- Mental health & Wellbeing – Shannon gave update from Christa that there are some activities being planned.

## Treasurer Update

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Jeff Jay and Pat Stewart provided update: lots of action since our last meeting!

- Still need invoices submitted and money spent on scheduled activities.
- \$11,500 brought-in since last update on fundraising, \$3,300 spent.
- Pizza Lunch brought in an extra \$5,000 with another \$6,000 expected.
- Night on the Beach \$2,000 in sponsorship received with ticket sales money still to come in.
- About \$15,000 away from reaching fundraising goal with Mayfair still to come.
- Skating party plus Blue Jays deposit spent.
- Recess bags question from Vesna about progress?
- Community Outreach and Equality Donation – 10% of budgeted proceeds from fundraising to school with low LOI - \$2,000 cheque to Eastview.
- Mental Wellbeing = noise cancelling headphones purchased.
- Phys Ed – Ms Smith has purchased curling materials!
- Ms Annis noted Mr Mason has spent some Integrated Arts money and will submit invoices and question about using IXL math program going forward or not.
- \$45,000 in bank at start of school year with expected \$14,000 left in bank at end of school year.

- Budget Submission process to begin – Google Form available on school council website and email notice next week with deadline of May 13 for submissions from parents for fundraising ideas and events.

## Principal's Report

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Mrs Meddick presented.

- Congratulations on a successful Night on the Beach event!
- Blue Sheet = class structure for next school year reviewed by staffing committee for various criteria. French immersion 3/4 split is mandated by board.
- Managed to retain all homeroom teachers this year.
- Njacko Backo performances was exhilarating and captivated students with his presentation and instruments and got all students clapping and chanting and playing along and had all staff up and participating. Building a sense of love and community for school.
- Tomorrow is Earth Day clean-up with neighbourhood clean-up by students.
- Cookie Dough delivery on Apr. 25 at noon – raised \$760 to go toward Grade 6 camp trip.
- May 23&24 = Kindie tours individualized welcome.
  - Julie mentioned School Council info cards prepared in past and handed-out again?
- EQAO = May 15-26 for Grade 6 and May29-June 9<sup>th</sup> for Grade 3.
- Hot Lunch going fairly smoothly but some orders not showing-up – please email Mrs Meddick if you did order and pay for a lunch that never showed-up.
- Appreciate patience of families if slower than usual response from office as very busy and normal speed not quite there.
- Shannon asked if cookie dough fundraiser over – yes.
  - how was Fred Fox presentation – great, photography and family stories inspiring.
- Jeny asked if losing any teachers or staff members next school year – not yet fully-determined.
- Construction project should be finalized by end of July.

## New Business

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- Jeny Nussey – funding from Ministry of Education for schools in Ontario
  - TDSB has asked for funding and neighbouring trustee organizing parents to reach-out to Ministry and also ask for shortfall fundraising.
  - Reaction to Ontario budget – 5% more in TDSB budget to make-up for extra expenses incurred over pandemic.
  - Template, phone number, petition etc. available.
  - Eastend Parents for Education – Facebook group available for more information.

Next meeting is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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