

**Adam Beck School Council Minutes**  
**24 November 2022**  
**6:30 to 8:30pm**  
**Virtual**

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	EXECUTIVE	NON-EXECUTIVE
Mrs Meddick Mme Annis Mme Bettas Ms Mavrou	Julie Middleton Shannon Magennis Jeff Jay Christa Jay Helen Katz Teresa Miller Laura Newell Samantha North Jeny Nussey Paula Sherman Patrick Stewart Jenny Struyk Melanie Zettler	Laura Johnson Jonathan Lowe Rebecca Efrat Stephanie Miskew Lily Michelle Weeks/Prince Dana Gaiu Nadine Cann-Burke Sarah Nelson Aaron McIntosh Lisa Armstrong Kristin Ociepa Louise Griew Alison MacPherson Mimi Rego Melissa Lanuza Emily Chan Jing Yao Janina Fogels Martha Miller Natalie Gray

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## Welcome + Review of Online Meeting Protocols and Introductions

Co-chair Shannon Magennis welcomed everyone.

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## Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Julie Middleton gave a land acknowledgement.

## Minutes Review

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

## Committee Updates

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- Monsterbash – Aaron McIntosh gave the update: pretty successful, exceeded expectations. High bracelet and ticket sales.
- Spirit – Christa Jay's update shared by Shannon: Marlies game in Feb tickets for sale now.
  - Nov. 25 Spirit Day "dress to impress".
- Holiday Party – Lisa Armstrong gave the update: this Sat. Nov. 26 10am-2pm will include live holiday music, Santa visit & photos, pancake breakfast, crafts, market, used book sale, clothing drive for New Circles, launching Adopt-a-Family program. Need more volunteers! High school students welcome.
- Adopt-a-Family – Melissa Lanuza gave the update: families selected and gift cards required noted and sign-up to purchase available now. Will have a table at the holiday party. Cobs Bread Bakery has donated bread for a year for one of the families.
- Grant – Julie explained provided by province to schools to apply for. We've applied and plan to use money toward Equity committee. Looking for any feedback or ideas from parents.
  - School colours day on Friday 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

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Jeff Jay and Pat unable to attend and Julie presented:

- Numbers to date and the budget vs actual spending.
- Cash Flow is on track for this time of year.

## Principal's Report

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Mrs Meddick presented

- Shared snapshots from the Remembrance Day assembly that included songs and poetry with connections to Ukraine. Some classes went on Walk to Remember that included poppies placed on lawns of specific local homes of soldiers who fought in WWI or WWII.
- Red & White day next Thursday in honour of Canada men's football team at the World Cup.
- Grade 6 fundraiser: Terra Cotta frozen cookie dough with more ideas to come to raise money for Ottawa trip.
- Positive Space ambassadors helping out around school.
- Reminder that flu season is here and school has lots of Covid tests, masks, hand sanitizer available. Still liaising with Toronto Public health to keep up to date with what's happening.
- Borrowed device new system – thank you for patience with process. All grade 5s and 6s have their own technology.
- School Evacuation Plan – established in Fall, maintained and updated every year with plan in place for emergency situation including evacuating to neighbour schools.

- Final Version of Code of Conduct – discovered inclusiveness concept not included and needs adding.
- School budget approved and will be shared next meeting.
- Aubrey Noronha inspiring presentation to all students today with student-friendly language and for teachers after school.

## **New Business**

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- Jenny Struyk - \$1,500 is the grant amount under consideration for Equity Committee.
- Melanie Zettler asked for heat situation in school update – Ms Meddick indicated only problem left is with room 7, kindergarten to be fixed by Sunday and things are going well now with construction.

## **Guest Speaker: Aubrey Noronha presentation “Colour Blind? Why Being ‘Not Racist’ Is Not Enough Anymore”**

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Presentation shared with Balmy Beach Community School and Kew Beach Junior Public School

Objectives:

- To convince you it’s ok and important
  - Identify where we are on this journey
  - Inspire you to commit for the long haul
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- If you want to be an ally move over and make some room for other voices.
  - Racial privilege: when your skin colour does not make your life more challenging.
  - Fragility: discomfort and defensiveness on the part of a non-racialized person when confronted by information about racial inequality and injustice.
  - Racism is hateful, hurtful, harmful words and actions because someone believed a lie about skin colour.
  - If you don’t go searching for an education about race for racial literacy you won’t get it.
  - Need to be colour conscious and actively anti-racist.
  - Provided a package of 10 things we can do to be anti-racist.

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