

## Adam Beck School Council Minutes

22 February 2024

6:30 to 8:30pm

In-Person & Virtual

| SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES                                       | MEMBERS  | NON-MEMBERS  |
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| <b>In-Person</b><br>Mr. Sullivan<br>Ms. Newnham<br>Mr. Mason | <b>In-Person</b><br>Teresa Miller<br>Patrick Stewart<br>Dario Gonzalez<br>Paula Sherman<br>Samantha North<br>Tariq M<br><br><b>Virtual</b><br>Pooja Doshi<br>Christa Jay<br>Jeff Jay<br>Helen Katz<br>Julie Middleton<br>Jeny Nussey | <b>In-Person</b><br>Prash Rasaiah<br>Laura Timms<br>Dima Amine<br><br><b>Virtual</b><br>Valia Reinsalu<br>Tamara Hobbs<br>Michelle Weeks |

### Welcome

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Co-chair Teresa welcomed everyone. She also mentioned a resource that has great content designed for elementary ages regarding race. [www.embracerace.org](http://www.embracerace.org)

### Land Acknowledgement

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Co-chair Teresa gave a land acknowledgement.

### Minutes Review

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**MOTION:** Teresa asked for approval of the Jan minutes. Pat proposed the motion and Paula seconded the motion. As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

### Committees Overview

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- Readathon update by Sam: Wrapping up next week. Ms Newnam mentioned students are excited, have a reading club, parents praising the program for getting their kids reading. Assembly date to come to celebrate and award winners.

- Movie Night update by Sam: next movie night coming up Friday, Mar. 1
- Spirit update by Christa: Marlies game March 2<sup>nd</sup> and big thanks to Mr. Mason for organizing.
  - Spirit week prior to March break – silly socks, pyjama day etc. – students voted for the themes last year.
- Pizza Lunch update by Tamara: last pizza lunch went great, orders around the same, good number of volunteers coming out.
- Visiting Artists by Jeny: committee planning lots of cool stuff.
  - French and English author visits for primary students.
  - Performance by Tribal Visions for the whole school.
  - A big chunk of the budget towards hands-on art project across classes with a workshop choice to teachers.
  - Canvases distributed to classes with paint kits to create art for silent auction at Night on the Beach.
- Food Drive by Dima: parent suggesting new idea to coincide with Ramadan mid-March to mid-April. Put bins out in halls for students to donate canned goods and an on-line financial option that goes straight to Daily Bread Food Bank.
- Library Update by Teresa: parent volunteers helped tidy the library and books shifted to reorganize into zones of specific purpose. Old computers removed.
- Night on the Beach Update by Laura: tickets available to buy on school cash on-line. Silent auction items still needed eg. concert tickets etc. Wine raffle is no longer possible. Principal for the day is a very popular item and both Principal and VP in!
- STEM Update by Dario for Alison: Chess instruction happening across 5 classes. Ms Nason has purchased materials for students to build circuits. Teachers have booked Extra Ed for coding classes. Scientists in School visits are also being booked.

## Treasurer's Update

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Pat Stewart provided an update on the budget and highlights of fundraising and expenses this year.

Fundraising:

- Night on the Beach already received 3 sponsors of \$900
- Movie Night has raised \$2,657 and spent \$1,561
- Pizza Lunch is doing extremely well!

Expenses:

- School garden planting spent \$129 with Spring planting to come soon
- Visiting Artists have spent \$980 with lots more to come
- Equality Donation \$2,147
- Readathon spent \$ on printing with prizes to come.
- Yoga with Fay very popular with students.
- STEM: Chess classes \$2,700

Cash flow on track to balance budget

- Budget Reminders for budget line owners – submit expenses (forms and info on our School Council website).
- Jeny: Visiting Artists question about actual money out being higher than Jeny has recorded. To review separately.
- Paula: Grad Committee question about submitting expenses after deadline (ok) and question about Monsterbash and Holiday party spending less than budgeted = a surplus. Jeff says actual numbers should be reflected after completion of events.
- Teresa: new form for applying for funds from School Council budget to include more details. Available to view on website and once we start taking applications it will be live for use by parents and teachers.

## Principal's Report

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Mr. Sullivan provided update on current school activities.

- Thank you to school council and members for critical help in enhancing school experience for students.
- Term 1 is complete and thank you to staff and students.
- Grade 6 Grad committee fun day planning meeting.
- Parent volunteers driving students to sports – thank you!
- Yellow fencing around play structure – catch basin fixed on the school side, but sewer clog on street side being fixed. City of Toronto to fix the rest.
- Parent pointed out that front door of school needs painting and caretaker put in work order.
- Ms Williams teacher replacement has been hired – Miss Noakes.
- Staffing ongoing challenges – occasional teachers and leave of absence.
- Receiving staffing allocation based on modeling requests.
- Programs: coordinating student focus groups to receive data and work on school improvement program. Grades 4,5,6 teachers nominated students to be part of focus groups, students whose voices may not yet have been heard. 2 groups of 12 students and permission forms to go out to parents if your child is chosen.
- Zones of Regulation – getting students to self-identify range of emotions and strategy for dealing with emotion.
- Professional Development – teachers participating in many workshops eg. Math, Building Thinking Classrooms.
- EQAO – mid-May to mid-June.
- Hockey team moving ahead to semi-finals.
- Choir preparing to sing at Marlies game.
- Students talking about video games where they are playing/speaking on-line to people they don't know and their language eg. Minecraft and Fortnite. Parental supervision advised.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> PA Day solar eclipse.
- Library Update: 2 vendors in to provide quotes on shelving which once decided will determine the rest of spending.

## **New Business**

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None.

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