**Adam Beck School Council Minutes**

**September 26, 2024**

**6:30 to 8:30pm**

**In-Person & Virtual**

| **SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES** | **MEMBERS** | **NON-MEMBERS** |
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| **In-Person**  Kurt Uriarte  Caitlin Newnham  Ruth Annis  **Virtual**  Adam Mason | **In-Person**  Teresa Miller  Shannon Magennis  Alison MacPherson  Samantha North  Patrick Stewart  Alex Goncalves  Zaid Murakami  Julie Middleton  Jeff Jay  Dario Gonzalex Markjetko  Jeny Nussey  **Virtual**  Jenny Struyk | **In-Person**  Megan Eade  Jessie Lamontagne  **Virtual**  Brook Cannux  Jayme Last  Michelle Weeks  Helen Katz  Martha Miller  Pooja Doshi |

**Welcome**

Co-chair Shannon welcomed everyone.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Co-chair Teresa gave a land acknowledgement.

**Minutes Review**

**MOTION**:  Shannon asked for approval of the June minutes.  Sam proposed the motion and Jessie seconded the motion.  As there were none that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

**Council Overview**

-supporting with communication and fundraising

-19 self-nominated council members were shown on screen (to attend as many meetings ast you can; let Teresa and Shannon know if you cannot make it to a meeting)

-ideally 2 co-chairs and 2 treasurers, Secretary, Council members (anyone who has a student at the school)

-2 co-chairs (Teresa and Shannon); Treasurer (Julie & Alex); Secretary (Alison)

-if you want to add anything to discuss at the meeting that is done at the end of the meeting (other business)

- if you want to be a member, you must self-nominate every year

**Committees Overview**

See [Adam Beck School Council Website](https://adambeckcouncil.ca/) for more details.

**Spirit Committee**  - promotes activities to bring together the school community; help to organize events (ie. Marlees game; PJ & Stuffie day, etc.

**Adopt a Family -** through C55’s adopt a family program; giving tree organization and gift basket organization

**Classroom Rep -** parent/guardian for each class to communication between class and council; need a rep for each class

**Equity -** promoting equity at AB; last year books were purchased and provided to teachers; organization of guest speakers; share ideas on the website

**Grade 6 Council Rep -** manages council budget line in partnership with the grad committee

**Grant Applications -** ideal to have a couple of parent/gaurdians to support seeking and filling out grant applications

**Holiday Party -** set up, on-site mgmt, clean up

**MayFair -** outdoor fair in May; organizing of class dream baskets; planning, set-up, on-site mgmt and clean up

**Mental Health and Well-being -** in partnership with admin; supporting guest speakers

**MonsterBash -** annual spooktacular holiday party JK-6; assist in planning, set up, on-site and clean up

**Movie Night -** Friday nights; organize movie chosen by students; pizza, drinks and candy are sold; assist in in planning, set up, on-site and clean up

**NOTB -** adult-only event; auction; dancing; major fundraiser

**Pizza Lunch -** held in classrooms once a month; pre-sold through School Cash Online; 2 volunteers needs for each class; major fundraiser

**School Garden -** implements projects with students as a teaching tool as well as school ground greening; volunteers are needed evenings/weekends for watering and weeding

**Staff Appreciation -** 2 events hosted each year (Winter and Spring); donations needs and set-up/clean-up

**STEM -** supporting with STEM related programming in consultation with administration

**Visiting Artists -** performers/arts experiences organized for JK-6 students

**Read-a-thon -** month ofFebruary; reading competition

Each committee has a lead.

Note: If there are not enough volunteers for an event 2 weeks prior to the event, then the event will be canceled.

**Treasurer’s Update**

* See [AB School Council Website](https://adambeckcouncil.ca/school-council/budget/) for more information related to budget.
* 2023-2024 Summary of Year End Numbers shared
* [2024-2025 School Council Pre Approved Budget](https://adambeckcouncil.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-2025-AB-School-Council-Budget-PreApproved.pdf)
  + reopening Garden Committee with $500 (committee lead shared that the committee is about STEM, art, and collaboration in addition to planting gardens - not just about planting bulbs in the ground)
    - comment made around holistically looking at adjustments
    - relationships built within the community for donations (ie. Loblaws; The Flower Centre)
    - question asked about the process - everything was voted upon in a council meeting or budget meeting
    - budget is set in the spring so that committees can begin to spend early in the Fall
    - council members voted for $500
      * 10 yes in person; 4 online (total 14 yes)
    - Budget will be revisited in October/November
  + there was $40000 more in budget requests than could be funded - 2 budget meetings occurred in June to determine budget
  + Staff Appreciation funds are not used (cannot use it to provide food as per TDSB policy) - suggested that the $100 be added back into the surplus line - that will directly impact students
  + Ending Budgeted balance (July 31, 2025) - $6,080
  + noted that we are not allowed to keep a surplus
  + school council members to formally approve the budget for 2024-2025
    - 10 in person; 3 online (total of 14)
    - budget is passed
  + Consider initiatives/projects for this year using the surplus of funds

**Principal’s Report**

Kurt Uriarte shared that the start-up has gone well. Year started off with Code of Conduct assemblies to set the tone for the year. Staff working on mutual agreements in classrooms - working with students around appropriate conduct. Things are picking up with respect to extracurriculars (ie. soccer, football, x-country). We have had some lice go through the school - 3+ classes have lice. Reminder was put in the bulletin about not sharing hats. Looking at bringing in TPH for lice checks. For grade 6 students, they are allowed to go off-site for lunch. A lot of work has been done with the grade 6 students (assemblies) around what representing Adam Beck looks like off-site and what to do to be safe in certain situations (people;cars) - ultimately has been a good experience. Students are thriving with some independence. This year the new lunch program has started - Hero burger and Subway - and is working well. School gets ~$0.50 per item. All options meet the guidelines set out by the TDSB. Upcoming meeting with the head of facilities. AB turns 100 next year! Looking at what can be done to repair/upgrade the school. Painting of playground lines is a priority - job order is in for this to happen. Students need to have things to do out on the concrete. Looking at hooks outside of classrooms to provide more space inside classrooms. Admin is happy to take suggestions.

Curriculum night is on October 9.

School will continue to seek feedback from students - to support the school improvement goal of fostering a sense of belonging.

Lockdown/Hold and Secure update: at first school was unsure which to use until contact was made with police so the decision was made to go into lockdown first.

**New Business**

- Melanie Zettler asks if the school might consider a later start time (through a survey) of 9am. Admin will look into this and get back to council.