

Adam Beck School Council Minutes (Approved)

November 21, 2024

6:30pm

In-Person & Virtual

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Kurt Uriarte Adam Mason	In-Person Zaid Murakami Patrick Stewart Charlene Isaacs Laura Timms Samantha North Alison MacPherson Online Jeny Nussey	In-Person Megan Eade Online

Welcome

Co-chair Shannon welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Shannon gave the land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

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

Agenda Items

Committee Updates

Monsterbash - very successful event; new this year - taking tickets for candy skewers and some parents donated inflatables for school to keep and use from year to year (they were a big hit), event began 1h earlier (3-6pm instead of 4-7pm). 13% increase in funds in compared to last year.

Movie Night - December 6 6:30pm doors open; movie starts at 7pm (note: screening fee was not budgeted for but hoping there will be enough revenue coming in to cover this fee)
(Book Fair occurring the same night until 6:10pm in the library)

Holiday Party - This Saturday from 10am-2pm. Pancake breakfast, food donations, book, hockey gear donations, cookie decorations, music, ball hockey, pictures with a Gingerbread man and winter pictures too, etc.

Pizza Lunch - Successful

Grants Committee - working to compile a list of relevant grants; many due dates are Jan/Feb; please let committee know if you have any information on any relevant grants; looking into accessing a portal to support with finding grants; Committee has spoken with Kurt re: some possibilities related to snack program. Please reach out if you are interested in getting involved with the committee - grantcommittee@adambeckcouncil.ca

Visiting Artists - Busy planning; connected with Vibe; \$500 for authors, but not enough funds to get 1 author therefore committee may adjust plans to provide enriching arts experiences for each student; ideally everyone will receive an arts workshop; council asked not to fund projects for grade 5 because they already have an experience being funded from Equity committee; aiming for an Arts week for hands on art projects/workshops; hoping to get everything booked in the next few weeks (update to follow in Jan).

School Gardens - applied for Pollinate TO grant (second time) for \$5000 - if successful the plan is to work with students to remove invasive species at front of school and replace with more native species; plan will still be the same without the grant but on a smaller scale; planters were updated for the holiday season.

Equity - Going over plan, budget and funding approvals. Please message the committee if interested in joining. Noticed a funding gap - sewing workshops are planned but the min spend exceeds budget provided so the committee is communicating with company re: possible next steps.

Adopt-a-Family - applied to C55 to support 3 families and 1 senior; matches should be emailed out soon and launch will occur this Sat at the Holiday Party (there will be a table to support with donations). C55 requires all deliveries to be completed by Dec 18. More info to come - keep your eyes out for Social posts and the AB weekly email.

Treasurer Update

On October 23rd, date of our last meeting, our bank account balance was \$31 thousand dollars.

Since then the significant payments were related to Decodable books, \$1 thousand dollars, Monsterbash movie night expenses also closer to \$1 thousand dollars (each).

Total receipts from Monsterbash, including cash, electronic payments, wristbands and sponsorships totaled approximately \$9 thousand dollars which is 13% higher than last year with an increase of one thousand dollars. Other significant receipt during the period was related to the October pizzas that generated \$2.4 thousand dollars.

Ending balance on November 21st is approximately \$39.7k thousand dollars.

In the next slide we have presented a quick summary of what was approved in our budget versus what has been incurred. We expect to generate \$60.5k thousand dollars and we have already generated \$16.2k, mainly related to the Fundraising. In relation to our expenses we have budgeted \$86.4k for expenses and we have incurred in \$9.2k.

We have broken down the significant items with current receipts and expenses. In relation to the money received Monsterbash have generated almost \$2 thousand dollars more than what was projected. Movie night has generated almost one third of the projected income and there are still three sessions to come. And pizza lunch in two months generated \$5 thousand which will be aligned with the \$24 thousand dollars for the year.

In relation to the fundraising expenses there are still some invoices related to the Monsterbash and the expectation is that total expense is going to be closer to \$3 thousand dollars. For the Movie there was a \$500 dollars licensing expense that was not budgeted and our expectation is that the expense is going to also be in line with the budget. Based on the two months of pizza expenses we expect that the pizza expenses for the year will be slight lower than what was projected.

The other line that had significant expenses was Education enhancement with the purchases of kits for wellbeing and decodable books. Expenses are in line with the budget.

Principal's Report

Announcements transition

- students enter and there is a 2,5, or 10 min timer to allow students to settle in to class and then when the timer is over the announcements begin
- in both English and French

- visual text
- Land Acknowledgement included
 - idea is to have AB students record this
- O Canada
 - teachers can select 1 of 5 versions to play with whole class
- News
 - birthdays
 - general announcements (ie. grade specific announcements, clubs, etc.)
 - lost and found reminders
 - STEM lab materials callout
 - reminders about band, etc.
- can be reviewed again if needed
- NEW - Out of Bound area at west side of school between gym and parking lot
- Reminder about cell phones/internet devices
 - encouraged not to bring phones or smart watches (or keep them in backpack) with a few exceptions discussed with Admin
- having all of this online allows teachers to select further resources to share with students (hyperlinks included)
- important to have consistency in messaging and this new system supports with this
- teachers are using some of the resources as a part of their lessons
- calendars for clubs; play structure schedule, etc.
- teachers can select which slides are relevant to share with their students
- heritage months are also shared with students (ie. November is Indigenous Heritage Month)
- admin is making sure messaging is happening in all classes
- Principals video messages including students too (ie. What are you thankful for?)
 - video is a strong component for kids and it is important for them to see themselves on the videos
- this new way of doing announcements is going very well

CCAT Testing

- testing occurred this fall for Grade 3 (province wide)
- results are back and if your child has registered high, you will be contacted

Screeners

- All K-2 students are going through a screening process for reading
- all teachers got screener (Nelson screener for Eng; Acadience for FI)
- every student has gone through screening and results will go out to families in the next couple of weeks

Facilities Review

- 100 year review (100 year party is coming up)
 - if it goes by shovel it is next year; if going by grand opening it will be in 3 years
- main stairways will be getting re-done and stairs will be closed at some point
 - next week, middle stairwell will be taken out
 - bulk of work will be done on weekends
- still pushing for painting and outside lines being painted on concrete play area
- part of the review will be of outdoor spaces too (ie. leaf litter)
 - concern brought up about leaves and large branch that came down near the front of the school

Events

- October 29 - Pantry Park Primary Run
- Monsterbash and Halloween walk went well
- Remembrance Day went well - thank you to Mr. Mason
- reports went home
- interviews occurred
- Nov 12 student focus groups as a part of the SIP (School Improvement Plan)
 - group was asked questions about well-being, sports, equity, etc.
 - more detailed update about what the students shared/were thinking
 - looking for a way to hear from Primary student voice

Bell Time

- big driver is transportation
- we have no busses so this doesn't affect us
- March 15 deadline if we want to make changes to our bell times
- Kurt spoke to C55 to ask how it would affect them
 - it will change things but would not have an impact on their ability to deliver services before and after school
- there is a max amount we can move the time by (no more than 30 min difference)
- next steps - what will consultation look like?
 - Kurt reaching out to people within the board to determine what consultation might look like
 - recognizing that alterations can impact families (ie. if moving the time means many families need before school care that currently do not, then the time change would not likely occur)
 - important to have consistency for a couple years (what triggers a consultation?)
 - consider the high school traffic too and grade 6 lunch time
 - Kurt to look into School Council bylaws re: what triggers a consultation
- to be figured out well before the March date
- question if there needs to be a survey before a consultation
 - Kurt wants to ensure things are done in line with existing processes
 - stay tuned

New/Other Business

School Lunch Box Program Question

- Is the school making money?
 - yes -school earns cash and points to support students who don't have lunch
 - also about making things easier for parents
- How were the choices made?
 - choices were made as they were the healthier options available
 - there are other, healthier options but price point goes up (ie. Real Food for Real Kids)
 - might be better options next year (because we came late to the game we did not have as much choice)
- Concern about branding of foods and equity
 - what messaging are we sending about ultra-processed foods
 - note that there are Halal and vegetarian options available

Grants

- would be great to have a grant to support a snack program

Wellness Clarification

- interested in having a health screening committee (a committee that looks at ways to bring information to students about screening programs)
- before a new committee is proposed - what is the mandate of the current Wellness Committee
 - encouraged to reach out to Mental Health Well-being Committee - mentalwellbeing@adambeckcouncil.ca

School Cash Online (SCO)

- Do we have to use SCO?
 - yes the TDSB has moved everything to this platform
- contact SCO - Visit the [Support section](#) of the School Cash Online website
- Contact the School Cash Online Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

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