

Adam Beck School Council Minutes (Draft)
January 23, 2025
6:30pm
In-Person & Virtual

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Caitlin Newnham Kurte Uriarte	In-Person Alex Goncalves Julie Middleton Samantha North Melanie Zettler Online Jenny Struyk Christine Tziallas Helen Katz Jeny Nussey Japhanie Sham Jeff Jay Zaid Murakami	In-Person Jonathan Lowe Megan Eade Jessica Earle Dima Amine Online Martha Miller Michelle Weeks/Prince Nicole Walton Nya Nesarajah Rebecca Snow Sarah Nelson Taryn Graham Zaider Em Julie Weston Kelly Eckert Laura Newell Laura Timms Marissa & Dave DC Caitlin Michaud Christa Jay Jeannie T. Taryn Graham Caitlin Michaud Marissa D’Mello

Welcome

Co-chair Teresa welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Shannon gave the land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

MOTION: Shannon asked for approval of the November 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

Presentation on Internet Safety - Amanda Croghan ([Telus Wise](#))

- Hosted workshops today for grades 4-6 - TELUS Wise footprint
 - Amanda has been with Telus for 25 years and for 10 years has been volunteering with this program.
 - Program endorsed and supported by many partners including Media Smarts, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, etc.
 - Offer workshops for adults and youth
 - Parents/guardians shared concerns and data was shared
 - parents don't need to be tech experts but do be prepared to have proactive conversations and be involved in child's digital lives
 - mirror the behaviour you would like to see in your child
 - considerations shared for ages groups 2-6; 7-12; 13-18
 - staysafe.org has an interactive smartphone/tech contract (involves having a conversation with child as you engage in the contract together)
 - important to get children to think about privacy and online reputation
 - [Canadian Centre for Child Protection](https://www.cccp.ca/) and [Prevnet](https://www.prevnet.ca/) has lots of great resources
 - Screen time and cyberbullying was discussed
 - when children are being targeted, do not take their devices away - this is the number one reason why some children do not want to tell parents about cyberbullying
 - video shared featuring Amanda Todd
(<https://www.telus.com/en/wise/resources/content/article/end-bullying>)
 - tips for youth shared - this was shared with Adam Beck students today
 - families encouraged to explore the [Impact Tool](#) (this was shared with students today too)
 - pornography/grooming/sexting discussed
 - for sexting parent resources see [telus.com/HowWouldUFeel](https://www.telus.com/HowWouldUFeel) (recommended for Grade 7-8)
 - shared about changing the culture - digital permanence, respect, modelling consent
 - topic of gaming and VR discussed (second to watching TV/YouTube) - [esrb.org](https://www.esrb.org) and commonsensemedia.org both great sites to consult
 - tips around social media and parental controls shared - [pcmag.com](https://www.pcmag.com); apple.com/families; google.com/familylink
 - tip to do your research - some apps look very 'kid friendly' but are not
 - All resources can be found on [Telus Wise](#) - [parents tab](#) contains lots of guides/documents for every topic discussed tonight
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Committee Updates

Movie Night - tomorrow night *Wild Robot*

Read-a-thon - starts Feb 1; reading logs will be printed next week and sent home in backpacks; Google Form will be used to input minutes

Mayfair - booking bouncy castles next week - committee will be formed soon

Grants - looking into a food security grant; looking to collaborate with garden committee on a grant; please reachout to the committee if you have ideas or need support with grant applications

Pizza Lunch - graph shared that shows program is going well

STEM - Zaid will be taking leadership over from Pooja

Spirit - Marlees tickets are on sale - first Saturday in April (info to be included in upcoming School Council email)

Staff Appreciation - extra funds are available still for this - we can provide snacks on PA Day

Night on the Beach - Friday, April 11; same DJ as last year; had first meeting this week; BBC has increased their costs; will be reaching out to local businesses next week

Grade 6 - hoodies occurred and are a huge hit

Equity - sewing studio will be coming to Adam Beck this year - this is a costly workshop so committee will be requesting an overage of this budget line of \$700; Anti-oppression virtual speaker workshop for parents will be rescheduled - will be seeking \$200 increase in budget → seeking \$900 extra budget

Holiday Party - lower attendance; hockey gear donations; Gingerbread pictures were a hit

Food Drive - scheduled around Ramadan (in March) and donations made to the Daily Bread Food Bank - please reach out if you have any ideas or want to help

Treasurer Update

- Starting Balance as of Nov 21 - \$39, 680.86
- Bank balances shared for Math Up Program, pizza lunch program, yoga, holiday party expenses, Kindie special projects, etc.
- Ending Balance as of today \$31, 555. 63
- Budget vs. Actuals were shared - we are in good shape for this year
- we do have an extra \$900 to allocate to the Equity Committee
- Julie motioned to increase the Equity budget by \$900 and Jeny seconded it
- members voted 14 voted for this increase (combined online and in-person)

Vice Principal's and Principal's Report

VPs report

- added another food day - providing 350 lunches per week 3 times per week
- last year there were a number of racial incidents last year and they must be put into a TDSB portal but there was not a response to all entries from last year; this year 2-3 entries and responses were received

by superintendents asking what supports are needed - school was offered an equity coach and admin met with the coach (from the Centre for Black Excellence) - she suggested the [Sankofa resource](#) - come with books for students and lesson plans for educators and they will be put into the library and it will be mandatory for teachers to sign these books out for their classes - also the Awesome Table (K-3) will be taking place which involved invitations for hands-on, loose parts activities; also Indigenous resources purchased. Teachers have received in-house PD and equity coach has worked closely with Ms. Nason to develop lesson plans to be used alongside the purchased resources

Principal's Report

- 3 fire alarms have been conducted as well as a lock-down drill (partnered with Toronto Police)
- Scholastic book fair went well - great idea to have it with movie night
- Boys Volleyball; girls volleyball tryouts; hockey team tryouts (results will be displayed tomorrow)
- visit to Malvern CI (Kindies and Grade 4/5s) to see seasonal performance
- AB Winter Concert went well; sing-a-long occurred the following day and was great
- Lunar New Year parade happening on January 29
- reports are going home February 11 and then teachers will reach out if they would like an interview - families can ask teacher if they would like an interview even if the teacher has not reached out
- cold weather - kids still really want to get outside; school is monitoring daily temperatures and adjusting accordingly; a few days there was no morning recess and classes made great use of the activity bags; hopefully going back to normal soon - game-day decision; board policy is between -21 and -28 when schools should be keeping students inside
- Williamson Road FI program is over capacity and some families have been offered placement here at Adam Beck - will likely result in increase in JK,FI population here at Adam Beck (ideally sorted out by September so that it doesn't impact the reorg) - could mean bussing
- More information to come in February re: making changes suggested by parents at council meetings

New/Other Business

- None

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