

Adam Beck School Council Minutes

April 24, 2025

6:30 to 8:30pm

In-Person & Virtual

| SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES | MEMBERS | NON-MEMBERS |
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| In-Person Ms Newnham Mr Uriarte Virtual Adam Mason | In-Person Teresa Miller Melanie Zettler Samantha North Alex Goncalves Patrick Stewart Zaid Murakami Virtual Dima Amine Shannon Magennis Helen Katz Jeny Nussy Julie Middleton | In-Person Julie Weston Danielle Keter Jessica Earle Louise Griew Megan Eade Virtual Samantha Buntinf Lindsay Hunter Saghi Tootoonchinia Jessica Duncan Blair Loughhead Erin MacDonald Alexandra Scott Laura Newell Jaime Bassett Michelle Weeks/Prince Geoff Vieira Jaime Werby Jayme Last Martha Miller Alex Ashton Chris D Kelly Eckert Stephanie Miskew Suzie O'Regan Nicole Walton |

Welcome

Co-chair Teresa Miller welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement

Co-chair Teresa gave a land acknowledgement.

Minutes Review

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

Committees Overview

Movie Night – last movie night of the school year this Friday – Dog Man!

Mayfair – planning in full swing and Jaymie will be at Movie Night Friday to drum up parent volunteer interest.

Pizza Lunch – Recent one on Wed and went well except for some late pizza and need more Peach juice boxes.

Night on the Beach – Laura Newell - Great night! \$12,500 approx brought-in which is way over fund-raising goal. Lots of teachers came out. Love to have new members for the committee.

Grants – nothing to report.

Visiting Artists – upcoming activities: Vibe doing hands-on art projects with K-Grade 3 and some 4s. Performance for whole school end of May. Planning some author visits with money left to spend.

Read-a-thon – Finished end of Feb and went great with a separate afternoon announcement a few weeks ago which Ms. Newnham says was wonderful and made the students involved feel special and all winners received their gift cards.

Spirit – Christa - Blue Jays game coming up in June. Looking for new leads for the committee.

Mental Health and Well-Being has 2 new co-leads.

School Gardens – looking for teachers and classes to plant. Donations from the community of seeds & plants requested!

Equity – Dima - Pride Month Chalk the Walk to kick-off the month and more ideas in the works.

Food Drive – Dima – amazing success with lots of donations surpassing last year – 687 food items! And money donations going towards 800 meals for people in need in the community.

See [Adam Beck School Council Website](#) for more details.

School Bell Time Update

Update provided by the Principal Mr. Uriarte: Williamson Road school students may be coming to Adam Beck for French immersion and they qualify for bussing which means we are not in a position to make any bell time changes for next school year.

- We had a vote by school council last meeting that determined we would not pursue a larger community vote of interest in a later bell time.
- Recommends Fall being the right time for council to request the Principal pursue the possibility of a bell time change in the future so that new kindie parents have a vote.
- Parent raised the issue of the way the vote was handled in last meeting with so few people determining if the issue is even brought to the community.
- Teresa confirmed the vote in February was handled correctly, the same as all other votes.

- Parent on-line asked question about how bell time question was raised = Teresa explained that it was raised by a parent in the Fall because we do have an early bell time at 8:15am which was changed from a later time or 8:42am 5 years ago.
- Daycare change is a big consideration, but the biggest is potential bussing.
- Passionate discussion about motion and survey.

Treasurer's Update - [Slides](#)

- Alex – motion to increase the budget for Readathon by \$103 to provide prizes and engraving of Dassios Cup. Alex proposed the motion to increase and council voted and the motion passed.
- Bank Account: update on balance
- Budget 2025-2026 – Budget Submission deadline is May 2nd. School council meets twice to review budget submissions and hammer out a budget. Last school council meeting June 19th we'll vote to preliminarily pass the budget and re-vote happens in September next school year.
- Looking for co-treasurer as Julie Middleton stepping down.

Principal's Report

Topics provided for agenda:

- Food Drive
- Fire drill
- Mono Cliffs
- Glen Ames placement
- Choir at the Marlies
- Read a Thon
- Sewing
- Boys and Girls vs staff volleyball
- Class placement Mid may forms to families.
- Stairs
- Grad photos on the 30th

Details shared during meeting:

- Mr. Uriarte – fire drill today that went smoothly but looking to change location for gathering - near portables and parking lot right now and proposing moving to field instead – farther away from building. 2 lockdown drills required each year. 1 more fire drill to go.
- Mono Cliffs Grade 6 trip Apr 2-4 – Ms Newnham provided update – wonderful experience, superbly behaved students, made maple syrup, cut wood, great food, got out of the city. Students connected.
- Grade 6 Glen Ames transition meetings with teachers here and those at Glen Ames to review each student's needs.
- Mid-May the office will be sending out opportunity for parents to provide input on their student's needs in the classroom next school year (not a request for particular teachers).
- Sewing group activity in school library provided by School Council with emphasis on diversity – 30 mins – amazing opportunity for juniors, safety demonstration, all created a little bag. Would like to see this activity every year, very impactful.
- Student volleyball teams competed against teachers – fun, positive experience.
- Stairs have been replaced.

- Hot lunch orders – issue with students not knowing if they are expecting to receive a hot lunch or not and using up all leftover pizza to feed students – parents a reminder to track orders and communicate with their kids.
- Mr. Mason Marlees game update – Spirit committee organized and 70 students from primary & junior choirs sang US + Canadian anthems.
- Choirs now gearing up for Spring concert May 8th – Broadway old and new!
- Teresa explained the Unplugged pledge commitment school council is promoting.

New Business
