

**Adam Beck School Council**  
**Thursday September 24, 2015**  
**6:30 to 8:30pm**

**Attendees**

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Mr. Kent Yee, Principal, Alison Hall, Vice Principal, Mr. Bines and Mme Kneller

Alexandra Bellamy, Michelle Lavoie, Francesca Rea (*Julie Middleton absent*)

Kate Milligan, Pam Warrington Scott, Dana Gaiu, Gary Brooks, Lisa Lloyd, Lisa D'Innocenzo, Lisa Armstrong, Ellen Pisani, Kirstin Galbraith, Tanya Barrett, Lynne Darnery, Sandra Jackson, Emily Can, Sarah Gomes-Areias, Jenny Haapoja, Ellen Leesti, Lisa Telio, Karen McMullin, Jen McInnis, Michelle Ryan, Alisa Arbuckle, Russel Beron, Debbie Scanlon, Connie Harding, Laninie Elton, Patty Rhodes, Jeny Nussey, Paura Henneberry, Patricia Keays, Christine Robinson, Cindy Boudah, Ron Boudah, Richard DelaCalzana, Katie DelaCalzada, Michelle Grahlman, Irene Roman, Dorian Vassell, Sarah Lalor, Tina Bieber, Victoria Key, Julie Harwood, Lila You, Elizabeth MacDonald, Jackie Wilson, Amanada Wood, Jaye Dallas Fitzpatrick, Mary Choi, Helen Katz, Gadi Katz, Laurie Dillon-Schultz, Adrienne Guthrie, Shane Blondie, Jane Blondie, Janet O'Reilly, John Clarke, Marie Clarke, Karen Harkins, Madalena Morais, Kristine Holder, Dianne Norman, Jennifer Starr

**Welcome and Introductions**

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Michelle welcomed the group, introduced herself and Alex as Council Co-Chairs, Francesca Rea, Treasurer, and Julie Middleton (absent), Secretary. An overview on each role was provided.

At Adam Beck, typically these elected positions are voted on every two years, however one of the TDSB Council bylaws is to review every year. Therefore anyone interested in the above positions is asked to email Mr Yee by Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the election process will be initiated.

She welcomed our new Principal, Mr. Yee, and welcomed back Alison Hall, Vice Principal, from maternity leave. Thanks was given to our teacher representatives for their support on council to date, and they were welcomed back again this year.

**Principals Report**

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Mr. Yee was introduced and share some of his previous experience, and vision for the school.

He spent the last 6 plus years as Principal at Wedgewood PS in Etobicoke, which was a very similar community to ours with a very active parent council.

Having grown up in East York he is very happy to back in familiar area.

Mr. Yee spoke briefly about the work to rule status amongst teachers, and encouraged parents to remain supportive and positive in the coming weeks.

He shared that building Adam Beck's Eco-Schools program from Gold to Platinum is one of his key focus areas, and one that he has a background in as well. In addition, Mr Yee spoke about his vision for technology & STEM programming, and improving our athletics program so that we have more competitive teams, can focus on physical activity for our kids and look to make it accessible to all.

## Passing of Minutes

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Alex asked for approval of the June minutes. The motion was proposed and seconded by council members. As there were no items that were opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

## Budget Process & Approval

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Francesca gave an overview of the budget process that was undertaken last Spring. She provided a high level overview as to how funds were spent by Council in the 2014/15 school year, and discussed the surplus that was remaining that was incorporated into the 2015/16 budget.

Francesca then reminded the group that as the budget has now been passed, any future requests need to be put forward in the Spring of 2016.

Francesca provided context that the budget is very conservative. Due to some of the complications that arose last year with the bigger events, fundraising estimates have been kept conservative in the event there are any issues this year.

## Committee Overview & Sign Ups

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A reminder was given to all parents that volunteer that they do have to ensure that their police check is updated every year. They can come by the office to update it. For new parents looking to volunteer, they need to pick up a Police Clearance Form from the office to get started.

Alisa Arbuckle was introduced in a new role as “volunteer liaison” for all committee initiatives. She will keep a central database of all those parents who are interested in volunteering, and what particular areas of support they can offer. Committee Leads can then work with Alisa to help fulfill volunteer roles for their events.

A brief overview of this year’s committee sign up process was reviewed, and a mix & mingle commenced to allow people opportunity to sign up for one of the following council committees:

### Adam Beck School Council Committee Information

- Monsterbash Committee
- Taste of the Beach Committee
- Night on the Beach Committee
- Mayfair Committee
- Holiday Party Committee
- Pizza Lunch Committee
- Movie Night Committee
- Rendezvous Café Committee
- Spirit Committee
- Staff Appreciation Committee
- Garden Committee
- Visiting Artists Committee
- School Improvement Committee:
- Head Lice Committee
- Eco School Committee
- Fundscrip Committee
- Bylaw Committee:
- Budget Committee
- Communications Committee
- Mabels Labels Committee

## New Business

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- No new business

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