

Adam Beck School Council

Thursday June 16

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

Alison Hall

Michelle Lavoie, Francesca Rea, Julie Middleton, Elizabeth MacDonald, Kate Milligan, Lisa D’Innocenzo, Karen McMullen

Jeny Nussey, Tran Ng, Cristina Toporas, Victoria Kay

Welcome and Passing of Minutes

Michelle welcomed the group and asked for approval of the May minutes. Kate Milligan proposed the motion and Francesca Rea seconded the motion. As there were none that we opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Budget

Michelle introduced the budget process and encourage parents to participate in School Council throughout the year, so they may be eligible to be on the budget committee.



Adam Beck School
Council budget mtg

Francesca presented the Treasurer’s 2016-2017 School Council budget.

Some notes on the budget include:

- Literacy and Numeracy – due to a substantial grant from Indigo there is less need to purchase books in 2016/2017.
- STEM – there was no budget proposal for STEM, so money was not allocated in 2016-2017
- Raz Kids – Mr Hagley requested a subscription to this online program.
- Ducks – in 2015-2016 the kindergarten classes used the money allocated to Scientists in the School to instead purchase duck eggs to be hatched in the classroom. In 2016-2017 the Kindergarten classes will participate in Scientists in the School as well as purchase duck eggs.

Francesca noted that expenses were \$6300 over the budget this year and it is important that going forward budgets are adhered to. Francesca asked committee leads to please be responsible and build expenses into the budget.

Michelle thanked Francesca for all of her hard work in preparing the budget.

Michelle explained that the Executive voted to pre-approve the budget at the budget meeting and it will be officially approved by the 2016-2017 Executive at the September council meeting.

(Vice) Principal Update

Alison Hall presented the Principal Update on behalf of Mr Yee, who is attending the Grade 6 Ottawa trip.

- Time change – the administration is still looking at how to execute the bell time change and exploring options. There will be meetings during the next school year to discuss the need for the change and address the challenges the community will face. Meetings for this will be advertised in the new school year
- Paper and fridge magnet calendars are being created and will be distributed in September. It was recommended to post an electronic (ie scanned copy) of the calendar on the school feedback.
- Grade 6 Graduation will be happening on June 28 at 6pm
- Play date and BBQ will be held on the morning of June 23rd for grades 1-6 (kindies will have their own event). All students (K-6) will have BBQ at lunch. School Council puts aside money but the school also contributes funds for this event, it is a joint effort.
- End of Year Video will be shown on June 29th; parents are invited to watch.
- Report cards will go home on June 28th. If a student is not at school their report card will be mailed out. The Principal newsletter will come out the last day of school and will include a staff assignment list.

Michelle thanked Alison for everything she does at the school – she is active in the schoolyard, classrooms, etc. and her contributions are greatly appreciated.

Committee Review and Updates

Visiting Artists (presented by Michelle Lavoie) – the committee is looking to do things sooner, looking for someone for the following year to take more of a lead.

Michelle asked for feedback for next year on what we do as a council, in terms of committees and council in general. Please email to chairs@adambeckcouncil.ca or speak to Michelle/Alex directly.

Michelle recommended that Committee leads look to include more people in committees in order to be forward thinking in replacing ourselves as leads.

2016-2017 Executive

Michelle explained that executive position nominations will take place in the fall. Nominations will be asked for in the first week of school and the 2016-2017 positions will be settled by the first meeting. Nominations for Co-Chair and Co-Treasurer will be requested.

New Business

None.

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