

**Adam Beck School Council**  
**Thursday September 22, 2016**  
**6:30 to 8:30pm**  
**Studio**

## **Attendees**

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Mr Yee, Lola Scenna, Voula Nikolakakos, Jarrod Bines, Katherine Kneller

Alex Bellamy, Francesca Rea, Julie Middleton, Zahra Rafiq, Victoria Kay, Jennifer Hamilton, Jennifer Starr, Jackie Wilson, Michelle Lavoie, Lynne Downey, Lisa D’Innocenzo, Michelle Grahlman, Jane Blondie, Cristina Toporas, Karen McMullin

Kim McQuiston, Kate Milligan, Deb Knight, Lisa Armstrong, Jeny Nussey, Sonya Hourihan, Sarah Lalor, Maogosha Pyjor, Shane Blondie

## **Welcome**

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Alex welcomed the group and presented the attached School Council overview.



Adam Beck School  
Council Overview (0)

## **Passing of the Minutes**

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Alex asked for approval of the June 2016 minutes. Cristina Toporas proposed the motion and Karen McMullin seconded the motion. As there were none that we opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

## **Principal Update**

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Mr Yee welcomed parents and thanked them for coming to parent council, then presented the principal update.

- Curriculum night - thanks to parents and teachers for their help/support and to Voula for all of her hard work behind the scenes.
- Welcome to Adam Beck VP Lola Scenna
- Parents Reaching Out Grant - thanks to Victoria Kay applying for and receiving the Parents Reaching Out grant on behalf of Adam Beck. The grant is for \$1000 and allows Council to offer presentations/speakers
- Open Door Policy – parents are welcome to meet with Mr Yee if they have any concerns about anything happening at the school
- TDSB Director of Education – Mr Yee introduced the new TDSB Director, John Malloy and played a video message. Click [here](#) to watch.
- Vision for Learning – Mr Yee presented a deck on the TDSB vision for learning (see attached)



Goal Presentation  
Mr Yee.pdf

- Technology update
  - Every classroom has 2 working computers
  - New Smart Boards have been purchased
  - New technology by Toshiba is being installed in 4 classrooms to test. The technology is similar to smart boards but clip over existing white boards. If this works, Mr Yee will order more.
- Upcoming important dates:
  - PA Day – Friday October 7
  - Movie Night - Friday October 14
  - Monsterbash - October 29

## Presentation – School Social Work

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Alex introduced Tracey Horwitz, who spoke about social work services in the TDSB. Tracey presented the attached presentation.



School Social  
Work.pdf

Parents are encouraged to reach out to Tracey directly at 647-229-2661 / [tracey.horwitz@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:tracey.horwitz@tdsb.on.ca) or through Mr Yee.

Alex spoke about upcoming speakers/presentations which are being considered, including anxiety in kids and internet safety. Please bring ideas of topics that are relevant to Alex. Teachers are also encouraged to bring these ideas forward to leverage the funds available.

## Committee Updates/Overview

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Monsterbash (presented by Karen McMullin)

- Event will be held from 4-7pm on October 29, in the gym and throughout the rest of the school.
- Karen is looking for “fresh blood” to help with the event – they need parents to help with haunted house, tables, etc. An hour or more would be great, and high school students can volunteer and get their hours

Night on the Beach (presented by Jennifer Hamilton)

- Event is co-lead by Jennifer Hamilton and Jennifer Starr
- This is a parents only event, held in April 2017, including cocktails and dancing at the Balmy Beach Club
- The committee is looking for new ideas for the night
- There are 1-2 committee meetings in the fall and 2-3 meetings in the new year

Mayfair (presented by Michelle Grahlman)

- Event is an end of the year party, scheduled for Sunday May 28, 2017

Holiday party (Presented by Alex Bellamy)

- This is not a fundraising party, but our way to give back to the community
- Lots of fun for the kids, including arts and crafts, a sing-a-long, etc.

#### Pizza lunch (presented by Jackie Wilson)

- There are 10 pizza lunches held throughout the school year.
- While there is a computerized system for orders, volunteers are needed mainly the day of the lunch to supervise in the classrooms - 40 minutes over lunch is really all that's needed.
- Police checks are required to volunteer – this is a one-time check, with an annual declaration that nothing has changed
  - Police checks must be done through the TDSB (not through scouts, work, etc.)

#### Movie Night (presented by Julie Middleton)

- This is a fun night where a movie selected by the students is played in the gym. Kids bring their sleeping bags and pillows and may purchase pizza and snacks.
- Volunteers are needed for the night of, but also for planning/picking up supplies. Great committee to volunteer on if you are a working parent, as most of the need is in after school hours.

#### Staff Appreciation (presented by Alex Bellamy)

- Krista Martin leads this effort, which happens a few times a year (at Christmas time parents supply teachers with a plate of treats once a week; provide lunch for teachers at the end of the year)

#### Garden Committee (presented by Alex Bellamy)

- Connie Harding leads this committee, which is largely responsible for obtaining a grant for new garden boxes, responsible for maintaining the Kindie garden. Volunteers are required all year long to maintain these gardens.

#### Visiting Artists (presented by Michelle Lavoie)

- This committee plans artist experiences that happen over a day or half a day. These may be special visits/projects, author visits, dance programs, etc.
- The committee is looking for new volunteers to bring fresh ideas.

#### Fundscript (presented by Francesca Rea)

- This is a fundraiser where parents purchase gift cards, and school council gets a percentage of the amount purchased
- Francesca is looking for someone to help out with Fundscript

#### Bylaws Committee (presented by Alex)

- Council abides by a number of bylaws, but they have not been reviewed in a long time. Volunteers are needed to review and update the bylaws.

#### Grants Committee (presented by Victoria Kay)

- Victoria is looking for an effective way to use our time to find available grants to obtain money that can be used to achieve council goals.

#### Read-a-thon (presented by Michelle Lavoie)

- Michelle is looking to focus this event more on the love of reading vs. being a fundraiser in 2016-2017.
- Michelle is the only volunteer on the committee but needs help with hanging posters, and to decide on how to spend some of the indigo grant money that council received last year.

## Treasurer Report

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Francesca presented the 2016-2017 Budget (see attachment).



Proposed Budget  
Adam Beck Council :

Francesca asked that Committee Leads be aware of and exercise control over funds being spent for their events. The 2015-2016 budget was exceeded by \$7200, which impacts what may be spent the following year.

Alex proposed a motion to approve the 2016-2017 parent council budget. The motion to pass the budget was approved by the 2016-2017 executive committee.

## New Business

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Michelle Lavoie – Adam Beck was again awarded the Indigo Adopt-a-School award. Adam Beck has been adopted by the Coles bookstore on Queen Street for a second straight year. Please thank them if you are in there! Details on the award will be communicated to parents via email.

Sonya Hourihan – the book sale will be held November 10-18 in the library. Sonja is looking for volunteers to help out

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