

Adam Beck School Council

Thursday January 14, 2016

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

Kent Yee, Alison Hall, Mr Bines

Alex Bellamy, Alisa Arbuckle, Elizabeth MacDonald, Francesca Rea, Jane Blondie, Jenn Starr, Julie Middleton, Lisa D’Innocenzo, Lisa Telio, Michelle Grahlman, Michelle Lavoie

Laurel McCaig, Michelle Ryan, Katie Dela Calzada, Sladjan Lojpur, Samantha Anthony, Dianne Norman, Madelena Morais, Jennifer Nussey, Victoria Kay

Welcome and Passing of Minutes

Alex welcomed the group and asked for approval of the November minutes. Francesca proposed the motion and Jennifer Starr seconded the motion. As there were none that we opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Holiday Party Debrief

Alex presented a summary of the holiday party.

- Overall there was a great vibe of community and giving
- Thank you to the committee and parent volunteers
- The food collected through the food drive was donated to Corvette school in Scarborough
- Money raised through family photos, vendor (10 vendors, charged \$35 each) and donations that people wanted to give on their own volition totaled \$650. \$400 of this was donated to CC55. In addition, the Committee raised an additional \$350 dollars through the rental of tables to vendors.
- Given the holiday party is not intended to be a fundraising event, Alex asked council attendees for their thoughts on where to donate additional \$350 raised through the table rentals (i.e. Centre 55, Corvette school, somewhere else).
 - o Michelle Lavoie presented a motion to donate to CC55. Motion was approved by attendees via a show of hands. It was confirmed subsequent to the meeting that there was a quorum of executive members to pass the vote.

Lego League Presentation

Alex introduced the grade 5/6 Lego League Robotics team and Mary-Margaret McMahon (Ward 32 City Councillor).

- This is the inaugural year for Adam Beck to participate in the Lego League challenge, which happened just before Christmas. Adam Beck came 4th, competing against 39 other teams and advanced to the provincial challenge on January 16.
- Mme. Bettas and Mme. Zaimi presented an overview of the challenge

- The Lego League team gave a presentation on food waste in Canada
- Mary-Margaret gave each of the team members a pin to congratulate them on their accomplishment. Alex thanked Mary-Margaret for her attendance.

Principal Update

Mr Yee presented the Principal Update.

- Mr Yee thanked all parents of the Lego Robotics team and the teacher support team
- Staffing Update - Mr Mihaila is filling in for Mme Annis
- Roof project – the project has been delayed due to weather conditions. Mr Yee will let the school community know when it will begin.
- Report cards – report cards will be sent home of Tuesday February 9th. Interviews will happen on Friday February 12. Interviews may happen on Thursday February 11th, but that is still TBC.
 - o Report cards will be issued for grades 1-6 and JK.
 - o Per the usual report cadence, SK students will not receive a report card in February but will get one in June
 - Concerns were raised by parents about the gap in reports for students in SK (only report was in November, 2014). Mr Yee explained that this is not within his control and recommended reaching out to the Ministry of Education.
- Read-A-Thon – event is happening January 8-29.
 - o The committee is exploring electronic deposits for future events but controls and process has not been set up yet. Cheques and cash will be the only tender accepted for now.
- Executive Thank you – Mr Yee thanked Alex and Michelle and Francesca for everything they do, organizing, time, etc.
- Scientists in the school – dates are being arranged. Every class gets one workshop, paid for by school council
- Upcoming dates:
 - o January 22 - Family Skate, PA Day
 - o January 29 - Movie night
 - o February 1-3 - Grade 5 Island school trip
 - o February 8 & 9 - Kindie registration
 - o Feb 15 – Family Day
 - o Feb 12 – PA Day
 - o Feb 19 – Rainbow day

Committee Updates

- **Night on the Beach** (presented by Jenn Star) – event date is April 22 at Balmy Beach Club. Ticket sales will come in March. The committee is looking for sponsors and donations. A decision on whether there will be classroom art auctioned has not yet been made.
- **Visiting Artists** (presented by Michelle Lavoie) – the committee is having a meeting soon to get artist visits set up.
- **Grant Committee** (presented by Michelle Lavoie) – the grant committee is being lead by Victoria Kay. The Indigo literacy grant is due in February and Adam Beck has been invited to apply again. 3 sets of books have been donated to Council by Mme Dassios, to be raffled off.

- Note: last year there was a used book exchange, initiated by the eco and literacy committees. Those present showed interest in resurrecting this exchange. Alex noted that she has donated to Community Centre 55 and some women's shelters may accept donations. Alex will follow up if there is interest.
- **Spirit Committee** (presented by Lisa Telio)
 - Adam Beck Marlies Game – event date is Sunday April 17th. Cost will \$20/ticket. The Marlies organization will be sending someone to Adam Beck to do an anti-bullying assembly in conjunction with the ticket fundraiser. Bring the mascot, etc.
 - Adam Beck Clothing – clothing order forms will be going home beginning of February. Clothing will arrive before the Marlie's game.
- **Mayfair** (presented by Lisa Telio) – event date is confirmed May 29, 11-3pm.
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- Movie night (presented by Julie Middleton) – movie options for the January 29th movie are: Minions, Hotel Transylvania 2, Shaun the Sheep

New Business

- Alex asked council for their thoughts on content for future meetings. The group brainstormed and noted the following areas of interest:
 - Internet safety
 - Resilience – teaching our kids about resilience.
 - Presentation by Karen Skinulis (author of Practical Parenting)
 - Nutrition
 - Anxiety (note: preference was an expert rather than Toronto Public Health)
 - Emotional regulation, Mental health
- Mme Dassios has a need for 2 more volunteers on a regular basis, please let her know if you have a few hours per week to spare.

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