

Adam Beck School Council

Thursday November 19th

6:30 to 8:30pm

Studio

Attendees

Kent Yee, Alison Hall, Mr Bines, Voula Nikolakos

Alexandra Bellamy, Amanda Wood, Francesca Rea, Jenn Starr, Julie Middleton, Karen Harkins, Karen McMullin, Kate Milligan, Michelle Lavoie, Michelle Grahlman, Shane Blondie

Lisa Armstrong, Victoria Kay, Julie Harwood, Kirstin Galbraith, Pam Warrington Scott, Michael Schulz, Kristine Holder, Emily Lim

Welcome and Passing of Minutes

Alex welcomed the group and asked for approval of the October minutes. Kate Milligan proposed the motion and Jenn Starr seconded the motion. As there were none that we opposed and no edits proposed, the minutes were passed.

Principal Update

Mr Yee presented the Principal Update.

- Adam Beck has 2 new staff – Miss Lemay and Emily Dunbar
- The ETFO labour situation has been ratified. 86% turned up to vote and 96% of those who voted, voted for ratification. Mr Yee cautioned that while it is business as usual, the contracts now must be ratified at the local level (TDSB).
 - On behalf of council, Alex thanked Mr Yee and the Adam Beck staff for handling the labour dispute professionally. The environment was positive throughout the entire period, which speaks highly of the school community.
- Progress reports will be completed by December 10. If a child is struggling, teachers will request to have an interview, otherwise no interviews will be requested.
 - First term report card is in February
 - Final report card is in June
 - SK – there will not be a kindie report card at this time, but there will be one in February
 - It was noted that SK students have not had a report card of any kind since February 2015
 - There will not be a curriculum night
- Coming up: silly hat day, national jersey day, movie night
- French Immersion evening for JK parents will be held on Wednesday, November 25. 7:00-8:30pm. The deadline for registration is December 3.
- New roof – Adam Beck is getting a new roof. The process will start at the gym and make its way around the building. The process will take 4-6 weeks and will begin approximately the 3rd week in Dec. There will be a meeting set up for parents to share more details and answer questions.

- Holiday concert - scheduled for Thursday December 17h. Kindie concert will happen at 2:30pm, Primary at 6:30pm, Junior at 7:30pm (note that this is a tentative schedule).
- Student washrooms – Mr Yee discussed a concern about the boy’s washrooms that had been raised on the Adam Beck Facebook group. Mr Yee clarified the announcement that he made to students and the expectations that were set (students are required to sign out of the classroom to use the washroom and must go in pairs; there is no restriction on the number of trips in a given day).
 - Mr Yee requested that if parents have a concern with something at the school to please contact him or the student’s teacher for clarification.
 - Mr Yee asked that parents discuss with their children that toilets are not easily fixed.
 - A concern was raised about the availability of soap in the washroom (or that the soap dispensers are not working). Mr Yee committed to speaking to the caretaking team to see if anything needs to be replaced or if there are newer versions that don’t clog as easily.

Treasurer’s Report

Francesca presented the Treasurer’s Update.

- Francesca presented the most up to date budget. She asked that receipts be submitted as soon as possible after an event.



ABSC Financials
2015-16 Budget vs. ✓

- The National Bank to Pace Bank transition requires a bit more work and is not fully complete.
- Francesca presented the deposit log which lives in the school council cubby. There are also large/small deposit envelopes and float/expense requisition forms. Francesca asked committee members to fill the deposit form in entirety (ie 20 x \$1, 5 x \$2, etc.) rather than just entering a total, and advised that coin no longer needs to be rolled.
- Alex noted that there are set expenditure budgets for all events. If committees are having issues with tracking budgeted expenditures or with overspending, please contact Alex.

School Council Communication Update

Alex presented an update on the School Council communication plan.

- The Council website has not been updated since May of last year and there is a parent volunteer (John Clarke) who will keep the website updated and maintained.
- Separate from the website, Laurie Dillon-Schalk is a Digital Media Specialist and has been looking at the best way to update parents on council initiatives/events/news.
- Anyone that has communication ideas are encouraged to share them with Alex or Michelle.
- Alex noted that parents are encouraged to join the Facebook group but reminded to use it responsibly. She noted that the group is not a council-run group.
 - Attendees discussed the event function on Facebook and that it has been well received. It was noted that not all events are posted there, for various reasons (committee leads are not on Facebook, unfamiliar with how to create an event, etc.). Alex suggested that if a committee would like an event to

be posted on the page to contact herself or Michelle and they would provide assistance/connections as required.

Committee Updates

Taste of the Beach (presented by Alex Bellamy)– the event was a roaring success, congratulations to all involved for a great event.

Monsterbash (Karen McMullin) – the event went remarkably well despite the change in date. Using Muncha-Lunch streamlined things and kept lines down.

Movie night (Julie Middleton) – next movie night is tomorrow, movie being shown is Home.

Visiting Artists (Michelle Lavoie) - Kindies have been working on their clay projects

Rendezvous Café (Michelle Lavoie) – Michelle showed off new banners for Rendezvous Café (funded by sponsorships). Michelle reminded attendees that any parents associated with an organizations or who own a business may sponsor Rendezvous Café

Holiday party (Alex Bellamy) – Holiday party is scheduled for November 28. The date was moved up to avoid conflict with Centre 55's Christmas event and the Malvern craft show. Alex reminded attendees that this is not a fundraising event so there will be no charge for breakfast or any of the crafts. The event has a budget of \$500 for event plus any money that comes in from vendors (charged \$35 per table). Any extra money is used to supplement the adopt a family fundraiser. Additional elements:

- There will be hockey games set up in the parking lot, kids will need to bring their own sticks and helmets and should be supervised.
- 10 vendors are confirmed to be at the market
- Alisa Arbuckle will be doing family portraits for \$25
- Non-Perishable food items will be collected for a food drive
- There will be outside entertainment coming and Mr Mason will lead a sing-a-long

Fundscrip (Francesca Rea) – A percentage of each gift card purchased through this program goes to school council. The next deadline is December 7.

New Business

Adrienne Guthrie presented an initiative by parents who live north of Gerrard to replace the crosswalk at Scarborough Rd with a traffic light. There is a petition being circulated in the school yard, which is needed to move forward with the request.

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