



Assumption Catholic Secondary School



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Assumption Catholic Secondary School, together with home, church, and community, values the uniqueness of each person and is dedicated to lifelong learning, personal development, and spiritual growth.

Assumption Catholic School Council Minutes

Meeting November 14, 2018 - 7 pm Library

Attendance:

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| • Kim van Nieuwkoop | • Debbie Chedore |
| • Marijke Coffa | • Miranda Walsh |
| • Shirley Mazza | • Angela Ponikvar (Student) |
| • Mark Freeman | • Rebecca Hull |
| • Michael Mark | • Rocco DeVito |
| • John Morrison | • Vince Iantomasi |
| • Sue Bolton | • Kathleen Moro |
| • Rick Bianchi | • Maria Lourenco |
| • Jenn Hall | • Nadia Mendola |
| • Patricia Langdon | • Rocco Dilanni |

Regrets:

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| • Dagmar Fotr | • Lindi Barz |
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Meeting called to order with a prayer at 7:05

Agenda – all approved as written

Minutes – motion to accept as written

Sue 1st

Christina 2nd

All approved with no changes

Motion by Shirley to amend the bylaws to have 3 co-chairs or tri chairs going forward for year.

We need 2/3 approval to amend the bylaws.

Discussion Points

John Morrison brought up the following points:

- That we should inform parents before we do this
- Changing the bylaws to allow a 3rd chair sets a bad message as we are indecisive
- Sets a precedent going forward, that we change bylaws to accommodate requests
- With 3 chairs parents will go to the person who gives them the results required
- For the size of the council 3 chairs are not needed
- Sue said we had a vote last meeting – why are we bringing this up again?
- Maria commented that the bylaws could be temporarily suspended with 2/3 vote, permanent amendment is not required.

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- Shirley commented on the first meeting and the election of chairs.
- Vince asked why Shirley raised no concerns when the minutes were approved.
- Shirley commented that this was “not the way she thought it was going to go down.”

Discussion around the topic concluded and Shirley withdrew her motion.

Additional comments made:

- What can we do in the future to make sure we run smoothly going forward?
- We are all here to support the children
- Just because you are not a chair, that doesn't mean you can help, bring ideas to the table, etc

Student's Report: - Angela and Kat (Student Council Members)

- Grade 9 Orientation, run by ambassadors
- Grade 9 dance – Bleed blue – went well, Student DJ
- Pink Day – Sept 29th – feeder schools attended
- October – student council retreat, escape room
- Halloween – pumpkin carving, costume contest
- School Dance (last week) – glow dance – made over \$2,000
- Sell SPC cards this year – delivered every Friday, sales are going good
- Anti-bully week –posting facts on line and slide show in the café
- Posting activates on line as you don't always here
- Poinsettia fundraiser has just began

Principal's report:

- Fall seasons – Cross country - GHAC champs, went to OFSSA, won bronze metal - they performed very well
- Junior VB – went to semi finals – went up against some good teams
- Golf Champion – Sam H
- Winter Season just started (Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Skiing, Curling, Hockey, Swimming)
- Grade 8s were in today to visit, future students are looking to play
- Basketball – doing well with a good bunch of student athletes
- Girls Volleyball will be strong – junior had 55 turn out, Senior –all expected came out
- Facility renewal
 - We are on time at the moment. There had been talk about closing the café to get ahead of schedule but it was decided to keep things as is so that there is no disruption to the schedule and the students
 - Week after exam period will be used to move the school (desks, class supplies etc.) to the new school - some stuff will be done before, but nothing can be done until the students are done exams
 - A bit of work is being done at Pearson now to ensure we are ready to move (i.e.) IT, classroom changes
 - Going to put together a video to show the students where everything is in the new school
 - Bus schedule is still in the works - there will be an excess of busing to start with a late bus at about 4:45 for activities, current plan is for the late bus to drop off students at the elementary schools

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- Class times will be changing, but not sure what it will look like
- Feedback from students – are there any comments with the extended class time - Shirley has heard that it is stressful for some grade 12s
 - Rocco hasn't heard anything from students, but does know there are some challenges from the teachers
 - Teachers – longer classes enables richer discussion (Religion and English), this has been a good time for teachers to look at the curriculum and make some changes, has been beneficial
- Financial report
 - Doing well - Rocco reviewed the balances of available funds and what has been used recently and what there is to spend this year
 - Request for funds
 - Curling club/team – we currently have approximately 25 novice curlers and they have asked for funds to purchase sliders for the team.
 - A motion was put forward by Kim to provide funds for 25 pairs of sliders, there were no objections and the motion passed
 - Spring sports – there has been some talk that some of the spring teams could be looking for some funds to support their programs. Need to reach out to Ms Kuzmar to see what could be required
 - There was a question on whether there was a cost breakdown of where funds were going – it appears that of the 2 meetings this year we have only discussed sports teams
 - We do support a programs at the school, in previous years we have purchased Reach buttons, Stage curtains, Art display boards, wireless headsets
 - Went over where funds have gone in the past – we do support all departments when funds are requested
- **Exam Schedule** – 1 week earlier because of early start and move, still 4 days, with 1 extra day for snow.
- **Christmas Activities**
 - Some of the activities planned are door decorating, Christmas videos running in the cafeteria
 - Dec 13 – Arts night / Java Jam combined

Teacher's report: (Miranda Walsh and Nadia Mendola)

Rocco confirmed teachers were elected by staff and introduced Ms Walsh and Ms Mendola.

- Ms. Taylor took the grade 9s on their retreat
- Meco Poliziani run – WipeOut theme this year, was well organized and successful
- Academic awards and breakfast
- Model UN to Princeton
- AP info night
- Remembrance day ceremony
- Pep Rally
- Take your kids to work
- Musical – Mary Poppins – will be in April , 49 student auditioned and there are only 30 parts, 86 volunteered to be on the crew and they found places for all of the students

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- Traditionally the football program is the largest at the school, however this year the Play, Model UN (going to Princeton and Chicago University) and Reach Team all have more members than the Senior Football team
- New Robotics team

Co-Chair Report: (Kim and Marijke)

- Bishops dinner was well attended
- Guest speaker to discuss the value of catholic education
- Discussion about Renewing the Promise – talk on Saturday Nov 24th, keynote speaker, Kim has info if anyone is interested
- Presentation on special education committee – let everyone know they are there and gave info on how to get in contact with the committee
 - Maria is on the committee and give a brief outline of the committee
- Christmas Potluck – Rocco suggested having it at Pearson to see what the new school is like, inviting the new Trustees.

New Business

- Request from Chaplin to see if Council could sponsor a Staff appreciation treat (ie. coffee, muffins, donuts) - The teachers have worked hard with the compacted schedule and this would show them that the Parents thank them for their hard work
 - All were in favour, Rocco to co-ordinate
- New Attendance system – can it be looked at as many parents received multiple calls for the same absence during the first week
 - Mr. Freeman said they have been working on the system and it should operate more effectively
- Parent Info night – how to bring parents into the school - how do we reach out to those who need help- Mental Health
 - Feb 6th – family of schools meeting to have a Mental Health Day

Parish Rep

- The Christmas Story at St. Raphael's – about 30 kids will be putting this on - Dec 15 and 2 and 7, Dec 16 at 7
- Christmas Parade – Knights of Columbus float
- Parish Bazaar – Nov 17, St John , Nov 24 St Paul's of the Apostle
- Holy Rosary Turkey Roll – November 28th

Parent Council Meeting Dates for 2018 / 2019

- December 12 (Potluck at Pearson)
- January – No meeting
- February 13

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- April 3 – meeting will be early and then will go to the play
- May 1
- June – if necessary

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm