



Assumption Catholic Secondary School



Assumption Catholic Secondary School is a faith-centered learning community that fosters excellence within the individual, promoting academics and citizenship through the living of Christian values.

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 May 1, 2019 - 7 pm

Attendance:

- Kim van Nieuwkoop
- John Morrison
- Lindi Barz
- Patricia Langdon
- Sue Bolton
- Vince Iantomassi (guest)
- Nadia Mendola
- Rocco Di Ianni
- Debbie Chedore
- Michael Mark
- Mary Yachetti
- Shirley Mazza
- Maria Loureno
- Marijke Coffa
- Miranda Walsh
- Kathleen Moro

Regrets:

- Christina Brookes
- Santa Silvestri
- Jen Hall
- Rocco DiVito

Meeting called to order with a prayer at 7:15

Agenda – Approval of agenda

Facility Update – Courtney

- Lightening – 90% done
- Future culinary room – freezer, fridge stove upgrade, all stainless
- New stairs has arrived
- Locker installation has started – all are being replace
- Phase 2 demo is starting Monday, a permit has been obtained as of today
 - Additional component can now start
 - Interior work is still continuing as they were able to work around obtaining the permit and doing other work as to not fall behind (ie) prep work
- Landscaping has not been started due to weather
- Field is being replaced this summer

Student's Report – Angela

- Trivia Tuesday is now on Instagram
- Easter – plastic eggs were delivered- chocolate eggs and inspirational message
- Education week
 - Monday – minute to win it
 - Tuesday – Jersey Day
 - Wednesday

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- Thursday – tropical day
- Friday – spirit day
- Semi-Formal – spring fling, very successful 450 tickets sold
 - Held in cafeteria
 - Glow tape on stairs , photo booth, flowers, spring decorations
- Inside Ride - \$15,000 raised
- End of year BBQ may 31
 - Flag football day, feeder schools will be there
- Election for next year, interviews for each position as availability was an issue this year, want to make sure people can commit
 - Teachers/staff will need to approve students
 - Treasure/secretary one position

Principal's report:

- Spring sports are all up and running
- Badminton is doing well
- Inside ride – amazing turnout, teachers were outstanding, costumes were great, very successful, non participating students were in the bleachers cheering on
 - Looking forward to doing it again next year
 - Atmosphere was electric
- Fit spirit
- 5k walk / fun May 9
- Mrs Kuzmar and her team is trying to promote fitness in the school - its not about sport, more about health and wellness
 - Getting kids involved – especially girls and they tend to shy away from these types of activities, boys enjoy these activities
- June 13 – Athletic banquet at Holiday inn
 - It is a recognition of teams and students who represent Assumption
 - Reason for move - Convention centre is more expensive than Holiday Inn

Teacher's report:

- Thanks for attending the play
- SHSM non profit test
- Math contest
- Elementary BB tournament
- Mock trial
- Reach to Laurier
- Holy Thursday
- Fit Spirit workshop
- Police presentation by for grade 9
- Model UN to Toronto
- Musical performance at St Paul's
- Mid-term reports gone home

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- Ambassador retreat at Mount Mary yesterday
- Intermediate reach
- Autism awareness in the foyer
- Rocco/Maria reviewed the process for Autism funding
 - Spec ed funding is up
 - Each of our schools have a life skills program and the ASM one is run well
 - ADA meeting at the school next week
- Question from Maria – with the new funding approval, what is the impact going to be for ASM
 - Rocco - Our contracts have class sizes in them, we are unique this way as other boards do not have this wording - because of this we can't move to 28 to 1, unless Doug Ford mandates this
 - We are trying to maintain 22 to 1 but making other changes and this could change
 - We are still a growing board - JV, Bishop Reding and ASM are the only schools that are growing (forecasting 1080 students, increase approx. 1.5 teachers)
 - Teachers/staff still working to make this school the place to be
- Budget – student council still have 15433.14 and possibly 6494
- New field will have Assumption Crusaders in the end zones
 - Logo in the middle – Rocco getting a quote, but it might not be visible from the stands so it might not be a good use of funds
- Grad Details
 - June 27 – Convention Centre
 - Dinner Dance – June 7 at Liunia Station
 - Student run prom is on May 16

Co-Chair Report:

- Used Uniforms – Marijke discussed the used uniform sale – 2 days of sales in June one day in August (grade 9 orientation) – 3 days of collection 7 – 8 am (Collection June 12 – 14) (Sale on June 18 and 19) Aug 28 - grade 9 orientation – still working on logistics as we are not sure what we will have access to
 - Marijke requested funds for storage racks for the uniforms
 - Knights will be available to help (3-8 on 18 and 19) (7-8 am for 12, 13, 14, and 17)
- Pro Grant – Jen and Lindi took this over
 - Nothing is currently booked, but are looking into speakers, they are new and are looking for help / suggestions - Vince has put out a call, but hasn't heard
 - There is a call out to another school to see if they could send some contact info
 - We could add something to opening Arts Night
- OAPC 80th anniversary and the conference was in Toronto in April
- Golf Team – charity golf - we are sending our team and have challenged all the other schools to send their - June 12
- Require By-law revisit (every 3 years) – need to revisit – committee Maria, Marijke, Kim

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New Business

- Parent engagement/communication concerns were brought up by Maria and this was discussed-
 - Website is updated by school administration - Mrs. French is fabulous and will put up what you need (Rocco will try to keep this up to date)
 - Parents who do not come to meetings or read the website are different then the people who come to meetings.
 - We are here and we do what we need to get things done, we don't always follow the political rules but we get things done
 - We need to find a mix of both – follow the rules and go on the fly

Other

- Maria Lourenco – added the following amendments to the minutes on November 13th, 2019 from her notes of May 1st, 2019:
 - Recommendations re: council communications/parent engagement were shared with members (note attached).
 - Some members expressed that council had operated successfully in the past without these recommendations
 - Some members felt that more communication was a worthwhile goal as they had felt “out of the loop” until joining Council
 - It was also discussed that some of the recommendation are actually required by the Regulations, School Board policies, and Council's own By-laws.
 - It was also discussed that adding communication with the school community and complying with the requirements did not have to change the congenial and relaxed atmosphere of council proceedings – the two are not mutually exclusive

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION / PARENT ENGAGEMENT

GOAL:

Greater transparency and accessibility to all interested parents and community members

RECOMMENDATIONS

Share council membership details with community; post on CSC website at the start of the year

Include contact info for willing council members and/or general e-mail box for Assumption CSC

Post all meeting dates for the entire year on the webpage, once determined at the start of the year; also update online calendar

Regularly solicit agenda topics from council members

Post agendas on webpage once distributed to CSC members (one week in advance of meeting); notify community

More detailed/informative financial reporting

Post minutes on webpage once approved (at the subsequent meeting)

Annual report to the community at the end of the year, including financials