



# 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 October 2, 2019 - 7 pm

#### Attendance:

- Kim van Nieuwkoop
- Christina Brookes
- Lindi Barz
- Patricia Langdon
- Santa Silvestri
- Cora Allan
- Michelle Perrone-Bonavita
- Rocco Di Ianni
- Debbie Chedore
- Michael Mark
- Mary Yachetti
- Shirley Mazza
- Maria Loureno
- Nancy Martini
- Mia Thomas

#### Regrets:

- Rocco DeVito
- Dan Warren
- Mark Freeman
- Miranda Walsh
- Nadia Sawchuk

**Guest** Vince Iantomasi

**Meeting** called to order with a prayer at 7:15

- Election of Chair/Co-chair – Kim and Christina, no one else put their name forward
- Introduction of council members
- Approval of Agenda, with a few changes

**Agenda** – Approval of agenda with a few minor changes - deletion of teachers report, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, added student council report, OAPCE rep.

#### **Student's Report – Sean, student council president**

- Grade 9 orientation with ambassadors
- Spirit day BBQ and grade 9 dance
- October – looking for Grade 9 reps (advertising on social and announcements ) fill out applications and give to teacher rep ,then interviews will be held
  - SPC Cards

#### **Principal's report:**

- Background given on our new Student Council president – excellent and caring student, both smart and athletic

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- Student Council – grade 9 – 12, they try to take as many kids as they can as general members and they have elected members – President, Vice, Treasurer, Communications etc.
  - Looking to do the following year elections earlier in the year to help and learn – also the older children have different priorities
- Student senate – work with trustees to get things done (Mia Thomas)
  - See the problem, see the solution -- things to do this year - bully prevention
  - Students who work with the board
  - Work with international students
  - Board puts out their agenda and the students help bring that to the school
  - Mia reviewed the process for Senate and Trustee
- Facility renewal
  - Still a work in progress
  - First week of school was a bit challenging but it all went well
  - Some technology was not all in place, it took about 2 -3 week for all to be up and running
  - Heat pumps – 90 were installed but not all were working at the beginning of the year, all is ok now
  - Challenges – portables – students are still getting used to them PA not working
    - Small power outages
    - No construction noise or dust, etc
    - Landscaping should be done by end of October
  - Being back in the school has pushed the construction crew to push and get things done
- Sports
  - Field hockey doing well
  - Volleyball – doing well
  - Basketball – girls doing well
  - Football – juniors learning, seniors doing good, lots of competition
    - Brought back Floodlight game – well behave students and an overall good experience
- Population
  - 1069 – FTE – 3 years ago we were just under 800
  - 310 grade 9's
  - ~ 200 from feeder schools, the others come from outside our feeder system – 12/13 international students
  - Considered a full school right now – cross boundary students do not have a space, unless you are in the AP program
- CUPE – Work to rule right now, those here are still doing the best they can
  - As of Monday they are walking out
    - Custodian, secretaries, EA's, Tech - it will be a bit challenging but we will work through it
  - Any area that is not a publicly funded space is not being touched by others – (i.e.) washrooms are being cleaned but the cafeteria is not being done
- Parent / Teacher interviews
  - October 17
  - Grade 8 parent night Oct 24
- Academic Awards – postponed breakfast till second semester
  - Ceremony will be done this semester but still looking for appropriate space

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- Vince is going to petition the board for funds to have it in the evening at an alternative location
- University Fair
  - Jean Vanier
  - A few of the schools have been in – check website for updates
- Curriculum night – one parent - a bit chaotic, another parent – ok but lots of info to take in, require clearer communication to parents on what the evening looks like
- School council funds – don't have access due to CUPE issues, Rocco is trying to navigate the system
- Play – not committing at the moment as construction is still a concern. Board to potentially look for a possible alternative location.
  - January will be the decision month
- Need to make sure there is a balance between arts and sports.

**Teacher's report:** No report this meeting

**Co-Chair Report:**

- Subcommittees
  - ProGrant – from last year expired as we could not find something appropriate that had to be paid for
  - Vaping information session
  - Nancy will take on the lead for Pro Grant – however it is in the state of flux as is might be cancelled
- Facility Renewal
  - Update from the board – plan for November
- 40th Anniversary / Re-blessing
- Used Uniform – under \$2,000 was raised this summer; approx. \$6,000 was in the spring
- Teacher funding – bring requests to next meeting

**New Business**

- How are the kids fairing?
- Water issues at construction zones after the rain yesterday/today
- Lighting is controlled and dimmable

**Meeting Adjourned and then toured the school**

**Parent Council Meeting Dates for 2019 / 2020 (subject to change)**

- November 6 -tentative
- December 11
- February 12
- April 8

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- May 6
- June 3 – Tentative