

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Via Teams Video Conference
Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

1. Call to order-with opening prayer

2. Roll Call

- Present:
 - Maria Lourenco / Santa Silvestri / Michelle Bradshaw / Greg Ausman / Lindi Barz / Mike Clark / Chris Chliszczyk / Jeff Hall / Patricia Langdon / Clark McDougall / David Owen / Nadia Sawchuk / Lidia Silvestri / Mark Sheehan / Andrea Taylor / Mia Thomas / Miranda Walsh
- Regrets
 - Rocco DeVito / Michael Mark / Maurizio Silvestri / Kaitlynn Tan

3. Approval of Agenda

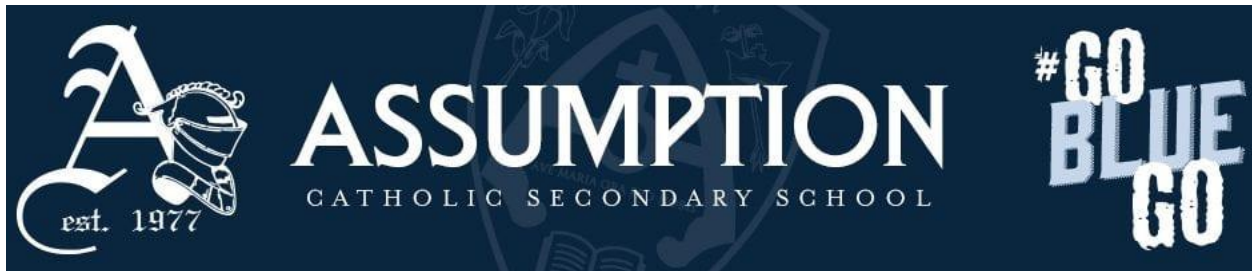
- Mover: Mike Clark
- Second: Greg Ausman
- Opposed: None
- Carried

4. Approval of minutes from March 3rd, 2021

- Mover: Santa Silvestri
- Second: David Owen
- Opposed: None
- Carried

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Reviewed chart.
- Uniform options were discussed. An image of a proposed McCarthy's hoodie was shared. A question was raised regarding inclusion of white as a colour option. Predominantly Assumption's uniform is blue, and the original intention was to follow that classic colour pattern. Clark will review colour options with the Admin Council. An item will be added to the May Agenda with McCarthy joining the June meeting.



6. Student Report – Nadia Sawchuk on behalf of Kaitlyne Tan

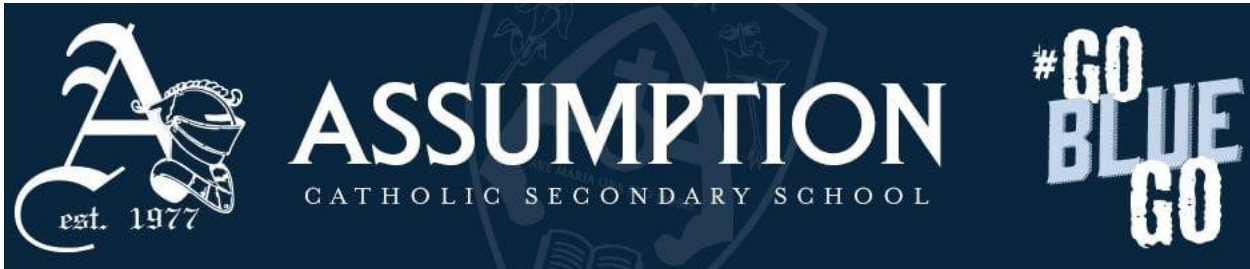
- Kaitlyne was unavailable to attend. Nadia provided an update: Green and white civies were worn in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. The student’s participated in a guess the number of candies contest with the winner announced on Instagram. The virtual talent show will be released March 5th comprised of 25 videos highlighting the variety of talent. Over spring-break Student Council will be making a video in the style of a photo slide show of Assumption pre-covid, a link to the video will be provided.

7. By-Law Review – Maria Lourenco

- A shareable version of the By-Laws was previously provided and Members were requested to review the document and add comments. The item was rescheduled to next meeting.

8. Financial / Fundraising Report - Clark McDougall

- The Committee reviewed a variety of funding issues:
 - The fundraising balance currently available to support initiatives is approximately \$21k.
 - Current year fundraising: Flip \$183 / Indigo \$109 / Cobb tbd >\$100. There was a general discussion on fundraising. With covid restrictions the opportunities to raise funds are more limited and may not be on the forefront of the community’s thoughts. The Committee suggested there may be greater success if we identify a specific need(s) and the associated cost(s) for which we are raising funds. An additional recommendation was to enlist the assistance of the marketing / business class.
 - Blaze Pizza is offering a one-day event with 20% of sales donated to Assumption.
 - Computer lab: cost for computers estimated at \$24k. There is a real need to have this resource available, some students do not have access to this technology, or the access is limited or not sufficient to support their needs.
 - Sign on Woodward: cost for a sign is anticipated to be less than \$28k (the cost of a larger sign recently procured at another school). Burlington Sign tendered a bid and a couple of additional bids are anticipated. The current sign is original to the school and dates to 1977. Ideally the replacement sign will have wifi capabilities so as to facilitate updates and messages to the community.
 - Other items to which School Generated Funds are committed to, or should be given consideration include a yearbook (committed), a couple of speaking



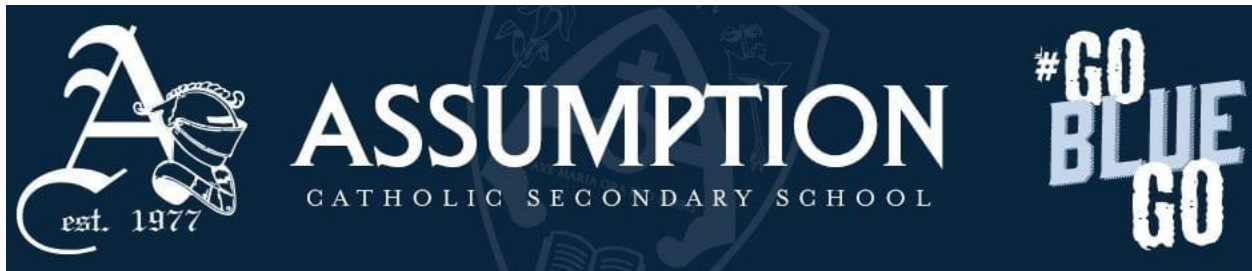
engagements, speakers in cafeteria estimated at \$6k, and costs associated with facility renewal - the school currently has lots of white walls, the decorating intent is to ensure visitors are aware of both the Catholicity of the facility and honour the history of Assumption. The Aesthetics Committee, comprised of students & staff, will be meeting to discuss the same.

9. Teacher's Report - Nadia Sawchuk and Miranda Walsh

- There was a general discussion on the Weekly Updates, these were seen as a very positive initiative to keep parents informed of school matters.
- A second discussion followed on the timing of the quadmester change, preparing for culminating and the timing of the rescheduled March Break.

10. Principal's Report - Clark McDougall

- Graduation update: graduation will be a Board wide virtual event June 28th. With the intent to make graduation a special occasion in a virtual setting, the administration was able to ensure the completion of graduation portraits and is giving consideration to a grad book yearbook, a graduation video, graduation signs for lawns, and a commemorative t-shirt. Additionally caps & gowns and a grad box containing a commemorative mask and lanyard are available for purchase.
- Culmination and the rescheduled March Break: While the timing of the rescheduled break, Culmination and the switch to the next quadmester is a challenge and does fracture the final weeks of this term, the students do need a break and the Departments will do what is best for students. Generally, students will not be assigned work for completion on the break.
- Aesthetics Committee: the school currently has lots of white walls, the decorating intent is to ensure visitors are aware of both the Catholicity of the facility and honour the history of Assumption. Likely, the rejuvenation of the facilities will continue into September. The Committee raised concern with the timeline, the inaccuracy of the original six month displacement so as to return to a substantially completed renovation. The anticipation of an incomplete project pushing into September of the coming academic year was met with disappointment, and given the originally promised timeline, now four academic years later raised the incredulity of Members.



11. Chaplain's Report - Andrea Taylor

- Lent concluded ending the 40 Acts of Generosity Lent Challenge. Participants elect one of two options daily, either to be generous with a gift supporting the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul foodbank, or to be generous in one's presence. In addition to other donations, Assumption raised cash donations totaling \$1,000.
- Planning for Catholic Education Week nearly complete.
- Walk with Jesus will, with covid restrictions, pivot to a podcast.
- Crusaders in Action are planning social justice activities.

12. Parish Update - Andrea Taylor

- Limited activity in the Parishes due to covid restrictions, services are available to attend in a virtual setting with limited in person capacity.

13. OAPCE Report - Michelle Bradshaw

- Regional meeting April 7th will forward link
- Summary for March speakers available.
- Annual conference – May 14th / 15th

14. New Business - All

- Items discussed and to be added to the tracker: Uniform discussion – Hoodie colour options / Fundraising – Blaze Pizza offer / By-Law review / Sign – presentation at next meeting.

15. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- Mover: Lindi Barz
- Second: Santa Silvestri
- Opposed: None
- Carried