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**School Council Meeting - Minutes Tuesday, October 5th, 2021**

1. Opening Prayer – Adrianna Rerecich

1. Honoring the Land – Adrianna Rerecich
2. Chaplain’s remarks
   * Happy to be at Assumption
   * Was at Holy Trinity, N.D. and STA previously
   * Looking forward to working with Principal and VP’s again. Have worked with them previously
3. Welcome and Introductions
   * Attendance
     + Principal McDougall takes attendance of attendees
     + Present: Belinda Bastos, Michelle Bradshaw, Mike Clark, Sheila De Sousa, Briana Hamlet, Pascale Lapointe-Antunes, Maria Lourenco, Micael Mark, Daniel Merriam, Melanie Skrlac, Santa Silvestri, Jacqueline Vaz, Clark McDougall Mia Thomas, Chris Chliszczyk, Adriana Rerecich, Mario Soster, Miranda Walsh
     + Absent: Greg Ausman, Lindi Barz, Mia Rodgers (student rep.)
   * Virtual Meeting Etiquette (C. McDougall)
     + Microphones will be muted
     + If there is a question, can use “raise hand” icon or type in chat box “raise hand” - when acknowledged, can turn on mic for discussion
     + Optional to turn on camera
   * Welcome (C. McDougall)
     + Introduces new school year and welcomes and thanks attendees for their interest in joining the 2021/2022 school year
     + Introduces Admin. Team and new chaplain (Mrs. Rerecich)
     + Introduces teachers M. Soster and M. Walsh
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Election of 2021-2022 School Council
   * Catholic School Council Role (C. McDougall)
     + Principal McDougall talks about the necessity of having a school council
     + Explains what councils are and who is eligible to be on the school council
     + Speaks of the benefits of a school council:
       1. Increase local involvement in the education process and improve teachings/learning within our schools.
       2. Catholic school councils help to establish a link between parents, schools, parish and community.
       3. They identify education priorities.
       4. Catholic school councils serve as a link between the school and the School Board.
       5. Creates a strong community spirit.
   * Catholic School Council Code of Ethics (C. McDougall)
     + Principal McDougall reads the Code of Ethics
   * Review of Assumption Catholic School Council Bylaws (C. McDougall)
     + Reviews purpose of school council. Talks about getting advice in regards to:
       1. policies and guidelines
       2. Improvement from a HCDSB perspective
       3. Implementation of HCDSB policies (ie: uniform)
   * Selection of Catholic School Council Chair / Co Chairs (C. McDougall)
     + Talks about the position of chair/co-chair
     + Seeks volunteers or nominations – none
     + Will continue and re-visit
   * Selection of Catholic School Council Secretary
     + Seeks volunteers - none
   * Selection of Catholic School Council Parish Rep
     + States that nobody has come forward
   * Selection of Community Rep.
     + States that nobody has come forward
   * Selection of OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) Rep.
     + Seeks volunteers or nominations
     + Maria Lourenco volunteers and is accepted as rep.
   * Selection of Treasurer
     + Pascale Lapointe-Antunes volunteers
   * Again looks at selection of Catholic School Council Chair / Co Chairs
     + Belinda Bastos volunteers
     + Seeks a co-chair: Melanie Skrlac volunteers
6. Student Council Update - Mia Rodgers (Student Council President)
   * Absent
7. Teacher’s Update – Mario Soster, Miranda Walsh
   * Both very excited to return and be back as a part of council
8. Vice Principal Items – Chris Chliszczyk, Mia Thomas
9. Principal’s Update – Clark McDougall
   * Proposed Meeting Dates (Virtual)
     + Wed. Nov. 10
     + Wed. Dec. 8
     + Wed. Feb. 9
     + Wed. Apr. 6
     + Wed. Jun. 8
     + Closing Activity – TBD
       1. Dates to be discussed in the upcoming week with new chairs
       2. Will be finalized in November meeting
       3. Meetings will be virtual for this year
   * HCDSB Council of Chair Meetings Meeting Dates
     + Wed. Nov. 3 (7:00 pm)
     + Wed. Feb 16 (7:00 pm)
     + Wed. Apr. 6 (7:00 p.m.)
     + Wed. May 25 (7:00 p.m.)
   * Evening with Bishop Crosby
     + Wed., Nov. 17, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. (Reception @ 6:30 p.m.)
     + [www.hccef.org](http://www.hccef.org)
       1. Chairs to discuss in 1st meeting in regards to attendance
   * Athletics
     + Teams
       1. Encouraged that team sports and clubs/activities are starting again
     + Outdoor Spectators
       1. Ss of now, there will be no outdoor spectators
       2. Working together with HCDSB, HCAA and Halton Health o a plan to have fans
   * Extra Curricular activities
     + Student Extra-Curricular Activities
       1. Starting with protocols in place
       2. 60+ students showed up for an investment club
       3. 80+ showed up for REACH
     + Cafeteria
       1. Servery closed until further notice
   * Class of 2022 - Graduation
     + As of now, all systems go!
     + Grad Photos
       1. Plans are to move ahead when possible
     + Rise and Shine
       1. Outdoor event planned for our Graduating Students Thurs., Oct. 7th @ 7:00 a.m.
       2. Talk about expectations for year
       3. Focus on academics
       4. Spoke about events (grad, prom, service hours, etc …)
     + D2L Page
       1. Page created for grads to keep up-to-date on Grad year end activities
   * Financial Information
     + School Council Balance
       1. After electronic sign purchase and uniform sales, balance remaining of $5,823.00
     + Used Uniform Sales
       1. $3027.00 in sales
       2. Still have $540.00 outstanding
     + School Council Proposal - $500.00
     + Student Activity Fee
       1. Reviews what activity fees cover in relation to:
          1. Athletics
          2. Band/Choir
          3. Some transportation
          4. Theatre
          5. School council
          6. Student council
          7. Yearbook
          8. Guest speakers
          9. Agendas
          10. Awards
          11. Club Activities
          12. Chaplaincy
          13. Charity
10. School Renovation Update
    * Burlington Signs to remove and install new sign
    * Aiming for mid-October
11. New Business:
    * Academic Awards – a question was brought up regarding Academic Awards for the 2020/2021 year. C. McDougall stated that there will be an Academic Awards ceremony and that details are to come
    * Uniform Question – regarding the use of spirit wear and other options for the upcoming year. C. McDougall talking it over with Admin. Team and will respond in next meeting.
12. Motion to Adjourn – mutually agreed upon
13. Closing Prayer – Adrianna

Amendments brought forward and approved at November 9th 2021 meeting:

Under New Business:

Academic Awards - this was my question and it was with respect to both academic awards and honour roll recognition; I believe the response was that information would be forthcoming with respect to both items; (while they are related, they were celebrated/recognized differently and separately in previous years)

There was also a question about whether or not there would be final exams this year; I believe the response was that that was still being decided; other members also expressed their concern around this issue for senior students in particular; I offered to send to all members the letter that council sent to the board last year along with the board's response.

Safe School Arrival and the delayed notification (often issued around 5:00pm).  The Principal confirmed that the issue would be raised at the next Principal’s Meeting (which has now already occurred).