

 **Minutes -ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Via Teams Video Conference Wednesday, November 9th, 2021 @ 7:00pm**

1. Opening prayer - Adriana Rerecich – Chaplaincy Leader
2. Honouring the land - Adriana Rerecich – Chaplaincy Leader
3. Attendance

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| Belinda Bastos – Chair |
| Melanie Skrlac – Co-Chair |
| Jacqueline Vaz - Secretary |
| Pascale Lapointe-Antunes – Treasurer |
| Maria Lourenco – OAPCE |
| Parish Representative – Gabriella Starcevic |
| Michael Mark - Community Representative |
| Principal – Clark McDougall |
| Vice Principal – Chris Chliszczyk |
| Vice Principal – Mia Thomas |
| Chaplaincy Leader – Adriana Rerecich |
| Teaching Representatives – Mario Soster, Miranda Walsh |
| Student Representative – Mia Rodgers, Taylor Popovacki |
| Parent Representatives |
| Briana Hamlet |
| Lindi Barz |
| Michelle Bradshaw |
| Mike Clark |
| Santa Silvestri |

* + Approval of Agenda
	+ The agenda will be sent out in advance so that changes can be reflected prior to the meeting
	+ The agenda was approved
1. Approval of minutes from October 5th, 2021
	* Feedback was received, amendments approved and will be added to the minutes.
2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
	* Council Members
		+ Community Rep – Michael Mark
		+ Parish Rep – Gabriella Starcevic
		+ Secretary – Jacqueline Vaz
	* Evening with Bishop Crosby
		+ To be held on Nov.17
		+ Council is committed to purchasing 8 tickets
		+ Call for members that would like to attend
3. Student Report-student council representative- Mia Rodgers & Taylor Popovacki
* October 2021 – Covid Safe Fall Fun Fair
	+ Outdoor event
	+ Students got to mingle, meet and have some fun together
* October 2021 – Halloween
	+ Students wore costumes, costume contest held
	+ Student’s participation and involvements was enjoyed
* December 2021 – Plan for Christmas Season
	+ Spirit week that includes some events
* Google Survey – giving students a change to make their voices heard, make suggestions, and give feedback
* The council asked how they can support the Student Council. Students will get back to the Council
* Trustee Report regarding student’s scores. Asked the Students how they felt about it and how the Council could help support the students. The Student Council will come back after they receive feedback from the survey
* It was noted that the student’s voice is important.
	+ A Super Council has been formed – President of the Athletic Council, Mia Rodgers (student) & Taylor Popovacki (student) and Clark McDougall (Principal). The purpose of this council is to address student engagement given the Covid anxieties.
1. Treasure’s Report - Pascale Lapointe-Antunes
* Update from past fundraising - after payment for the sign and uniform sale, the balance that remains is $6,447.00
* A sub-committee was formed to help with fund-raising (strategies, targets and use of funds), members
	+ Pascale (Treasurer)
	+ Santa Silvestri
	+ Maria Lourenco
	+ Briana Hamlet
* Statement of Accounts and Cash Flow were requested to enable clearer visibility of the account’s movement
* Discussed – in prior year it was decided to use funds towards
	+ A Sign for the School - completed
	+ The computer lab – funds were utilised from a different Fund, therefore funds are still available for a different use
1. Teacher’s Report-
	* Mario Soster
		+ Math contests have been held, well received by students
			- Canadian Open – done
			- University of Waterloo – upcoming
		+ EQAO was help for Grade 9
			- New format – online and multiple choice
			- Students embraced the changes positively
			- Results are undetermined currently
		+ Grade 9 Math Curriculum – coding was introduced
		+ Math Madness – plans to be brought back
		+ Mr. Galli hopes to bring back Tech Crew – sounds, lights, constructions, etc. *possible use of available funds*
		+ Phys Ed – Meco Poliziani Zombie Run was successfully held
		+ Crusader for Cans was higher successfully with more than 10 thousand non-perishable items collected for the Food Bank
		+ All departments are activity communicating via Twitter
		+ The Switch to the Quadmester system is well underway

Miranda Walsh

* + - All teachers have been receptive of the need for Mental Health Assistance. This will be presented at the Religion Classes
		- Anti-human Trafficking awareness – A guest speaker spoke from One Child. The message was “one child exploited is one child too many”. 2 sessions were held, followed by a survey. Positive feedback was received
		- Artistic feature – Crusaders Theatre is back!
			* Auditions to be held soon. Students are eagerly signing up. Plan to include all students who sign up for the audition
			* Broadway Review – songs will be chosen after the auditions are completed
			* 4 Staff member to lead the training and rehearsals of 1 song each
			* There might be a final All cast members song at the end, depending on restrictions in place
			* Maria L. acknowledged the enthusiasm and excitement that is in the school from all these events
		- Exam Writing Skills
			* To be discussed in the next meeting
			* Possible strategies or plans that can be put into place
1. Principal’s Report-Clark McDougall
	* Things are on the rebound; students are enthusiastic about participating and joining Clubs
	* Sports
		+ Football games opened up to spectators, response was amazing. At 75% capacity is 300 people and it was more than full
		+ Girls Field Hockey – off to OFSAA
		+ Track and Field – School did amazingly with 3 students placing high in the ranks
		+ Curling Club – 45 kids attended the 1st meeting, in the past there were just enough participant to form a team
	* Band is practicing again and can be heard through the Halls and in the field
	* Plans for outdoor Pep Rallies
	* Cafeteria – Plans for opening on November 22nd
	* Crusader for Cans – more than 10,000 collected
	* Meco Poliziani Zombie Run – over 1000 community member participated in this fund-raising event
	* Transition Plan
* Grade 8 and 9 Both Virtual and in-person sessions
* Grade 5 and 6 Visits to showcase the school
* Grade 7 and 8 Model UN
* Grade 4 to 8 Attend the Musical, visit the Drama Departments and participate in extra-curricular events
* Grade 8 Attend Sports events
	+ Parent’s swag for Assumption Students - Clark McDougall is talking to a supplier to ascertain options
	+ Uniform Update
		- New Hoodie from McCarthy’s
		- Current uniforms
			1. New pieces were discussed in June 2021 and left as a carryover item for discussion. There are currently as lot of pieces included in the uniform together with the spirit wear
			2. There is no long sleeve top option other than the Rugby Shirt
			3. Pants for the girls are flimsy
			4. Sub committee was formed to discuss options
				* Lindi Barz
				* Mike Clark
				* Briana Hamlet
				* Maria Lourenco
				* Michelle Bradshaw
				* Gabriella Starcevic
				* Clark McDougall
		- Shoes – solid black v/s optional shoes were discussed briefly
		- Graduation hoodies – Clark McDougall is working with the Students Council to have these for the Grad 2022.
		- Club and Team Spirit wear as part of uniform – to be grandfathered for 2 years. After that these items can be worn for Spirit Days and Civvies Days
		- Discussed – an opportunity for Grade 8s to get some type of return when they donate their uniforms back to their elementary schools
	+ Academic Awards and Honour Roll –
		- Academic Awards
			* Thursday November 25th. Virtual event
			* List to be posted in school
		- Honour Roll Breakfast
			* Monday November 22nd
			* List to be posted in school
			* Selection process is not on website. Add to agenda for next meeting
			* List is generated by the Student Information System (SIS)
				1. Grade 9 and 10 80% average over the 8 courses completed

at Assumption during the school year

* + - * 1. Grade 11 and 12 called Ontario Scholar. Achieve 80% average

in 6 Grade 12 courses competed. Parameters are based on the scores for the Governor General Award

* + School Generated Funds Plan
		- A Statement was presented detailing balances, revenues, and expenses from various avenues
		- The submission is due to the board by the end of the month. This can be re-submitted in the future
		- To be included for discussion in future meetings
	+ Safe Arrival
		- Notification to parents occurs too late in the day, often after school hours are over
		- It was noted that this is done centrally
		- The IT department will work on the possibility of sending messages out earlier
1. Chaplain’s Report-Adriana Rerecich
	* Remembrance Day –Morning Show on November 10th, detailed special features to be included
	* Book of Remembrance - open in the Chapel
	* Get Loud – Kindness Week coming up to boost Student’s morale
	* Daily Morning Show – includes interviews with Staff and Students in order to ‘re-humanise’ the general atmosphere
2. Parish Update-
	* More to come in next meeting
	* Michael Mark advised that the Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers
3. OAPCE Report- Maria Lourenco
	* Explained the role, interaction with the Ministry of Education. Take input and feedback to schools
	* There are several conferences, webinars and newsletters issued/held. These will be shared
4. New Business
	* Mental Health
		+ Partnership with Notre Dame and Corpus Christi in a Speaker Series for Mental Health Awareness.
		+ Sub-committee set-up
			- Belinda Bastos
			- Gabriella Starcevic
			- Briana Hamlet
		+ New Uniform Sale Coordinator requested. Briana Hamlet offered to take this role on. Lindi Barz was thanked for the wonderful job that she did in this role, having achieved many successes
5. Closing Prayer and Adjournment- Adriana Rerecich

**NEXT MEETING- Dec. 8th, 2021 @ 6:00pm**