

**Minutes -ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING Via Teams Video Conference Wednesday, December 5th, 2021 @ 6:00pm**

1. **Opening prayer** – Clark McDougall – Principal
2. **Honouring the land** – Clark McDougall – Principal
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 (Absent) |
| Michael Mark - Community Representative |
| Principal – Clark McDougall |
| Vice Principal – Chris Chliszczyk |
| Vice Principal – Mia Thomas |
| Chaplaincy Leader – Adriana Rerecich (Absent) |
| Teaching Representatives – Mario Soster, Miranda Walsh (Absent) |
| Student Representative – Laura Ponikvar, Mia Rodgers, Taylor Popovacki |
| Parent Representatives |
| Briana Hamlet |
| Lindi Barz (Absent) |
| Michelle Bradshaw |
| Mike Clark |
| Santa Silvestri |

1. **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
2. **Approval of minutes from November 9th, 2021**
   * Feedback was received, amendments approved.
3. **Athletic Council Student Report** – Laura Ponikvar
   * Updates regarding our Fall Sports Teams
     + Shares powerpoint from fall season
     + Successful season for Field Hockey and Cross Country
     + Updates Council on upcoming seminar with Adam Van Koeverden (Olympian and Member of Parliament)
     + Outlines the success of the Meco Poliziani run
     + Outlines various activities for students in the school (spikeball, bocce, dodgeball, etc)
     + Wants to run feeder school tournaments
4. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes** - Updates
   * + Principal McDougall updates previous meeting’s items
       1. Safe Arrival Program
          1. I.T. was contacted and all schools have their reports for safe arrival rolled over at the same time and the system then sends out the syner mail to all households then
          2. Mr. McDougall requested an earlier time for families
          3. I.T. didn’t think it was possible but will try and find out for sure
       2. Exam Writing
          1. Final Assessment pieces were addressed by Subject Councils
          2. Department Heads, Principals and Superintendents sit on these subject councils and will decide for each subject area what the final assessment will look like \****Action – Mr. McDougall to report back***
          3. How is ACSS dealing with this specifically? Have requested that subject teachers have students experience exam type questions in their delivery of curriculum to students
          4. A delegation has come forward to the Board regarding this issue and the Board is preparing a response – hopefully out for our February meeting
5. **Student Report-student council representative-** Mia Rodgers & Taylor Popovacki
   * Student Council is helping out Mrs. Rerecich with the morning show every Friday – updating students regarding events from Student Council
   * Christmas civvies for week of Christmas – different theme everyday
   * Pictures with Santa
   * Also doing virtual activities for students at home
   * Gingerbread House contest
   * Completed a student wellness survey – 279 responses
   * The majority of those surveyed (146) extremely satisfied with how things are going at school and majority feel welcomed at ACSS
6. **Teacher’s Report- Mario Soster**

* Brings ‘regrets’ from Miranda Walsh
* Presents a weekly chart of happenings in and around the school
* Updates Council on non-sports clubs and meetings at Assumption including Model UN, Math Madness, School Reach, Equity & Inclusion, etc Currently supporting 2 rooms for after school math help
* Tryouts coming up for the musical review – record number of students trying out
* Currently fixing the sound and lighting in the small gym to support our show and our April performance
* Guidance and Special Education are currently visiting our feeder schools and talking to our incoming Gr. 9’s for next year
* Mr. Soster confirms that they are using exam style questions in their assessment pieces
* Mr. Soster speaks to Maria Lourenco’s concern regarding having Functions and Calculus in the same semester
  + It is fine and Ministry recognized to have them in the same semester – it has happened before – students have been successful in doing both courses at the same time. At ACSS, both are running concurrently in the upcoming semester
  + Math help is certainly available to anyone who is struggling at any point
  + We have now offered an extra Gr. 12 session during their lunch in this quadmester.
  + With a switch to semester, this would have to be re-visited but our teachers have always been very flexible and adaptable where student support is concerned.

1. **Treasurer’s Report -** Pascale Lapointe-Antunes
   * Ms. Lapointe-Antunes shared the fund reconciliation exercise that was discussed at the previous meeting and includes the money spent on the electronic sign. Still waiting on the collection of funds for the Flipcard, Indigo and Cobbs Bread fund-raising from last year – we will add those funds to our current balance when they come in
2. **Fundraising Committee Update** **-** Pascale Lapointe-Antunes
   * Need a goal for fund-raising committee so we can target an amount to raise
   * We are continuing with Flip Card, Cobbs and Indigo moving forward
   * Santa looking into Pizza fundraising over the holidays
   * We are looking at a chocolate fundraiser over easter
   * Pascale met with a couple car dealers for a potential “Drive one for Your School” campaign. Unfortunately, difficult right now with the vehicle shortage because of Covid-19 – definitely a possibility in the future.
   * Met with Principal McDougall for some options who in turn asked the Department Heads for fundraising suggestions - Two Themes emerged: (1) Sports, (2) Arts
   * Principal McDougall looking at costing and a better descriptive for our purposes
3. **Uniform Committee Update -** Clark McDougall
   * Apologies for the Uniform Subcommittee – Have not heard back from McCarthy’s in regards to school queries. Will continue to follow-up
   * Mr. McDougall shares some pictures of some uniform options
     + Suggests the long-sleeve golf shirt
   * Inquiring about the girl’s pant – not many options there
   * Once we speak to McCarthy’s, we can chat as a committee
   * The Spirit Store is open for families – email sent to all families
   * Have offered a Spirit hoody – grandfathered in for 2 years
4. **Mental Health Speaker Series Committee Update** – Belinda Bastos

Belinda Bastos talks about ProGrant initiative with Corpus Christi and Notre Dame regarding guest speakers; target audience of this series will be parents and currently trying to line up guest speakers.

* + - Makes a plea for volunteers to help in this initiative

1. **Principal’s Report-Clark McDougall**
   * Mr. McDougall introduces a revised SGF Plan – adds more lines to be more specific and in an effort to be more transparent
     + The majority of the funds were taken last year to pay for our sign which is in the ground presently
     + Other money going to:
     + Crusader’s Care – helping some of our own families
     + Good Shepherd donation
     + Poppy Campaign donation
     + Christmas fundraising drive – supporting 24 families in our diocese and 1 of our parishes
     + Supporting families in need for their student activity fee
     + Taxies for student emergencies
     + Updates the success of the Gardening Club with Spec. Ed. Students
     + Yearbooks have arrived and students are picking them up
     + Stresses a need for families to pay for Student Activity Fee with a lot of activities resuming this year
     + Licences for the library
     + Printing of yearbooks
     + SHISM Non-profit – hoping to help out with Habitat for Humanity
     + Maria Lourenco expressed interest in seeing what initiatives will be funded this upcoming year with the SGF.
   * Academic Awards – explains why it had to be virtual … held off as long as possible but had to plan for it being virtual
   * Moving the Academic Showcase to front of school
     + Bigger and more visible
   * Honour Roll Breakfast was a success
     + Students picked up awards, had breakfast and took pictures
   * Aesthetics Committee – Mr. McDougall shares pictures with group regarding blank walls and possible scripture quotes to go on the walls. We would like to launch a sub-committee. The following individuals raised their hand to be a part of it:
     + Maria Lourenco
     + Santa Silvestri
     + Briana Hamlet
     + Jacqueline Vaz
     + Melanie Skrlac
   * Talks about a ‘Wordle’ around the word ‘Crusader’
     + Will reach out to elicit a response around the ‘wordle’
   * Maria Lourenco asked about potential community/parent outreach activities, whether in person or virtually. Mr. McDougall will meet with Maria Lourenco to discuss and bring it back to council. ***\*Action – C. McDougall and M. Lourenco to discuss ideas and report back at next meeting.***
2. **Chaplain’s Report**-Adriana Rerecich (sends regrets)
   * Mr. McDougall updates
     + Students dropping into Chaplain’s office for chat/support
     + Advent Prayer Service – Msgr. M. Valley provided virtual support
     + Will be on our YouTube channel
     + Mr. McDougall: doing a great job! Running Spectrum, GSA, Crusaders in Action, Equity Matters
3. **Parish Update**- G. Starcevic sends regrets
   * Chair Bastos says any updates will be shared through the minutes
4. **OAPCE Report**- Maria Lourenco
   * Not much happening since last meeting
   * December newsletter coming out – will share with everyone
   * See the webinars from November – I had shared a link
   * ***\*Action – Mr. McDougall to add a link to OAPCE’s site on the school page***
5. **New Business**
   * **Sanitary Product Accessibility** – Mr. McDougall
     + Two students have come forward with concerns around availability and quality
     + Concerns with machines not working
     + Logo, company name

       Description automatically generatedMr. McDougall has ensured that the custodians are more vigilant in ensuring that they are working (machines) on every floor
     + Chaplain, Phys. Ed. and secretaries in the front office all have product if there is a shortage
   * Chair M. Skrlac moves to adjourn meeting
6. **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**- Clark McDougall

**NEXT MEETING- Feb.9th, 2022 @ 7:00pm**