



**Minutes -ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Via Teams Video Conference
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 @ 6:00pm**

1. Opening prayer – Adriana Rerecich
2. Honouring the land – Adriana Rerecich
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, Evonne Quintal |
| Student Representative – Laura Ponikvar, Mia Rodgers, Taylor Popovacki |
| <u>Parent Representatives</u> |
| Briana Hamlet |
| Lindi Barz |
| Sheila DeSousa |
| Michelle Bradshaw |
| Mike Clark |
| Santa Silvestri |

4. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved.
5. Approval of minutes from February 7th, 2022
No objections, approved.
6. Student Report
 - a. Athletic Council Student Report – Laura Ponikvar
 - A summary was presented on the Winter Sports
 - Curling – 2 teams in the finals.
 - Sr. Boys Basketball – Won after an amazing season. Congratulations were given to the coach – Mr Gatza
 - Assumption had teams in Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey and Swimming
 - b. Student Report-student council representative- Mia Rodgers & Taylor Popovacki
A report on some the activities that were ongoing and upcoming

- A day to support Ukraine, awareness and support
- Easter activities, preparation and celebration
- Heritage Week – Crusader Council, learning about other countries and nationalities
- Relay for Life, run by Business and Gym Leadership classes. Fundraising for Canadian Cancer Society

Mia Rodgers was recognised for receiving the Student of Excellence Award

7. Chaplain's Report-

- a. Halton Catholic Children's Foundation 24 Hour Fast was held 9am Mar.30th to 9am Mar.31st
- b. Holy Week – 4 services to be held, by grade. This is the season to honour the sacredness of the days of Lent.
- c. Crusader Chaplain Chatter, weekly newsletter
- d. 40 Acts Challenges
- e. Retreats have been held for Grade 9 and 10

8. HCCF – Marc Clare

- a. A recorded Thank you was played from Jacqueline Davis for financial assistance that was provided to HCCF
- b. Presentation by HCCF.
 - They are an Independent Charity, self-funded.
 - They help students succeed in school by assisting with their basic needs and learning materials. Sponsor Graduate Awards to 10 secondary students.
 - Needs have accelerated since the pandemic; 200 before but 846 students since. \$122,571 has been given in financial aid. Since 2012, 82 Assumption students have been helped
 - Outlined a 3 year Strategic Plan to increase fundraising. Opportunities to help, Create awareness, Financial support (donations, events)
 - Looking for people to join the Board of Directors
 - Poverty creates an achievement gap.

9. Teacher's Report-

- a. Miranda Walsh
 - Extra curricular activities are up and running again.
 - School Play – full steam ahead, full cast production. Dates: June 1st and 2nd. Feeder schools will attend during the daytime.
 - Literacy Test are coming up at end of month. Prep sessions were held and well received.
 - AP exams will be held in May. 24th
 - Lawrence will do a virtual session in English class – Indigenous Studies
- b. Mario Soster
 - Tech renovation is going well on the stage in preparation for the Play
 - Live streaming capabilities – used for streaming the Basketball game
 - Parent-Teacher meetings – 1st time the parents will be visiting the school

- Math contest being written soon
 - Math Madness taking place
 - Inter-departmental collaboration taking place
 - Capstone for Research & Seminar Program – will be run together with Religion
- c. Exam Writing Skills being taught to prepare students for exams that they will write in their post-secondary education –
- Using formative material
 - Focus on study skills instead of cramming the night before
 - Working with rubrics, developing habits and skills
 - Note taking skills
 - Tools in place
 - Timed Assessments
 - Paper Assessments
 - Both application and thinking questions
 - Group Assignments
 - Vertical learning services
 - Culminating activities
 - Formative and Summative teaching
- d. Pascale being a teacher in a post-secondary institute gave us insight from that perspective.
- Parents need not be concerned that their kids are not ready to face exams after secondary school. In order to be successful, the students need the following skills
 - Preparedness
 - Presentation
 - Learning skills

Traditional methods of evaluating students are changing

- e. Clarification was given regarding the methods used for preparing for AP exams
- Teachers are meeting with students
 - Prep books and other resources are available to students
 - Practice material is available in the AP classroom with extension for active students
 - Extra support is available for registered students online that have created by the College Board

10. Treasurer's Report - Pascale Lapointe-Antunes

- a. No change in funds, waiting for results from Chocolate Fundraiser

11. Fundraising Committee Update – Mike Clark & Briana Hamlet

Cobbs Bakery will have a sign up to remind parents to say that they are part of Assumption; Cobbs gives Assumption a portion of the proceeds

- a. Chocolate Fundraiser – Sales more than \$7K, Profit \$1,938.09
- b. Upcoming
 - Bottle Drive – local bars & restaurants, families and friends
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Uniform sales
 - Spirit item sale – Pegasus
 - Car dealership partnership
- c. Results from Use of Funds Survey
 - Items to be addressed
 - Murals
 - Speakers and drop-downs
 - Uniform for school teams
 - Chapel upgrade (idea was suggested to approach the Parishes for assistance)
 - Activities for fundraising
 - BBQ (Knights of Columbus are willing to assist)
 - Flip Give
 - Items to address with the Board
 - Lighting for the back field
 - High tops, stools
 - LED lighting and wiring

A question was asked as to whether some of the School Generated Funds can be used for the above initiative. The balance is approximately \$55K

Response as to where the funds are utilised

- Uniforms
- Tournaments
- Travel costs
- Non-sporting teams
- AP exams
- Charities
- Graduation and Awards
- School Play
- ... funds are expected to be depleted by June.

12. Mental Health Speaker Series Committee Update – Belinda Bastos

- There are 3 events that are coming up; Apr.28, May.05 and May.12
- 1st event will be held at Assumption
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Information on mental wellbeing
 - 2 Psychotherapist
- Made a call for volunteers to help in this initiative

13. Business Arising from Previous Meeting - Clark McDougall

- a. Uniform sub-committee
Ladies pants – Options for school year 2023-24. Yoga pants. Received samples and got feed back on item. For school year 2022-23 the numbers are assessed by Oct.2021, uniforms are already in production based on these numbers
Long sleeve polo shirt is possible for school year 2022-23. This is a stock item and is already used by other schools.
- b. Aesthetics Committee
There are 3 committees – students, staff, and council. Suggestions are weighted from all these sub-committees.
Interested in pieces that are timeless
Presented pictures of some work that has already been done – wrapped desks, window screening, decals in gym. More is expected to be done soon.

14. Principal's Report - Clark McDougall

There are several items upcoming

- a. Award of Excellence
- b. Parent Teacher Night. Student ambassadors will be present. To be held in Gym and cafeteria. There is a lot of excitement that the parents will be able to come into the school.
- c. Curling Championship. Assumption will be competing in the Gold Cop Championship on Apr.11
- d. Prayer Services
- e. PA Day – Apr.25th
- f. Asynchronous Say – Apr.26th
- g. Catholic Education Week
- h. Diversity Speaker
- i. Feeder School visits
- j. AP exams
- k. Relay for Life
- l. School Play – The Greatest Show
- m. Grad Dinner and Dance
- n. Athletic Banquet
- o. Graduation

15. Parish Update - Gabriella Starcevic
Holy Week schedules are on parish web sites

16. OAPCE Report- Maria Lourenco
A report will be sent that can be added to the minutes

17. New Business
No new business

18. Closing Prayer and Adjournment- Clark McDougall

NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, June 8th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

