



AGENDA - ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Via Teams Video Conference

Wednesday June 8th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

1. Opening prayer - Clark
2. Land acknowledgment - Clark
3. Roll call- (Melanie to please update)

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
Parent Representatives
Briana Hamlet
Lindi Barz
Sheila DeSousa
Michelle Bradshaw
Mike Clark
Santa Silvestri

4. Approval of Agenda - Pascale & Lindi
5. Approval of minutes from April 6th - Pascale & Gabby
6. Student Reports –
 - a. Student Council - Mia Rodgers & Taylor Popovacki
 - Relay 4 life was a HUGE success, more than \$60,000 was raised. Students and staff did amazingly. Many donations were collected by the Council members.

- End of year BBQ was held – BBQ & food funded by collections from the Student Activity Fees. This was a great student bonding time before year-end culminating started
 - Melanie thanked the students for efforts made for Relay 4 Life
 - The students were thanked and sent off with well wishes for their future
- b. Athletic Council – Laura Ponkivar unable to attend, Mia gave an update
- There were 12 Spring Sports Team, all did very well
 - Athletic Banquet was a success
 - Football tournament was held with feeder schools

7. Teacher's Report –

a. Mario Soster

- The Athletic Banquet showcased sports talents and achievements
- BBQ showcased the students school spirit. There was a noticeable excitement in the air.
- Life Skills Graduation, Special Ed – will be held next week. Life skills students graduate when they leave school. It can take 4-7 years; they receive a Diploma or Certificate of Achievement or Certificate of Accomplishment; this is determined together by the parents and teachers.
- Graduation Ceremony to be held on June 27
- Tech in the main gym and small to be completed by year-end
- Tech in the Cafeteria and Piazza have been completed
- Math Contest and Math Help are on going
- Education Pathway – several available to students
- OSSLT English – went smoothly
- EQAO – to be held in Jun
- AP Tests – coming up

b. Miranda Walsh

- Religion – One Child presentations were made to Grade 9 classes. It is based on social justices; was well received
- Grade 10 – Rosary making and prayer activities were held
- School Musical – approximately 65 students participated and did an exceptional job. Stage Crew overcame a huge learning curve, Cast Crew were able to

showcase their love of the arts. Feedback has been wonderful. Grateful for all the support that has been shown for the Arts. Clark expressed his thanks to the teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work.

- The Small gym went from Theatre to a Rock-Climbing Gym. Lots of versatility
- Grade 8 night – parents and students attended, and there was live music
- Grade 7 day was held
- There is a lot of positive energy to be felt in the school nowadays - students, teachers, and future students too
- Clark thanked the teachers for amazing efforts made both during and in after school programmes

8. Chaplain's Report-Adriana Rerecich

- a. The Easter season has now ended with Pentecost
- b. Catholic Education Week is coming up
- c. Hoisting the Pride Flag, each day a different person is featured in the Morning Show
- d. School Closing year sessions – theme: Reflections on the year gone by and thoughts for the future
- e. Jun.24 – Last day of Morning Show. This has been well received this year
- f. Jun.27 – Grad Mass
- g. Jun.27 – Staff Mass

9. Treasurer's Report - Pascale Lapointe-Antunes

- a. Detailed Funds generation and usage report was presented
- b. There are some receivables outstanding that still need to be collected
- c. Graduation Award will come out of the balance of funds available. \$100/- each, 10 awards in total. This award is a long-standing tradition. It was decided that this will be brought up in the meeting much earlier in the year. Maria proposed that the decision on the recipients of award should be made by the council and not the Chair of the Departments - Clark was in agreement of this.
- d. The awards are given to students who make a difference – represent what an Assumption Crusader is. Currently the students submit a form with details about themselves. Clark to send out the criteria.

10. Fundraising Committee Update – Briana Hamlet

- a. When funds are going to be used it should be voted on to maintain transparency of needs and usage of Funds. Melanie acknowledged that this was achieved this year.

- b. **Planning needs to be done – a list of events that go on during a year should be compiled so that the Council can plan for them. It was noted that pre-covid the calendar was planned at the beginning of the year.** This year was ‘planned chaos’.
- c. Planning has already started for next year. **This will be shared with the Council at the 1st meeting next year.** The SGF report should be addressed done early in the year to determine Funds to be Generated and Expected Usage of Funds.
- d. **A list of contacts and companies for outreach needs to be maintained. There needs to be coordination during fundraising so that the same people or businesses are not contacted by several members.**
- e. **Important to contact community partners early in the year as some have limited budgets that are available for community support**
- f. Used Clothing Sales does not generate loads of funds but enables student involvement and volunteer hours for the students.
- g. Better communication was advocated - Communication is important and will benefit the school and Council
- h. A List of items for funds usage was established. This year we were able to spend on some items that needed support. **Proposed and agreed that a list should be set-up every year so that the following year’s committee can work on the projects;** it takes too long for both the list and support to be completed in the same year. A comment was made that a lot may not have been done this year, but we have set-up groundwork and lists for the future year.
- i. Waiting of estimates on Sound & Lighting for the back room of the gym and Library.
- j. Mark C. **suggested that seed money should be left for the next Council.**
- k. **Also suggested that money should be saved at the end of each year that will be used by the council of the following year for the Grad Awards. This ensures that there is never a question of whether there will be money available for the awards. To be decided by next year’s council**

11. Mental Health Speaker Series Update – Gabriella Starcevic

Three nights were hosted, one in each sister school. It was a wonderful experience for both the speakers and staff. It was not as well attended as was hoped. Suggestion was made that it be rotated through out the sister schools so that efforts are more focused.

SHISM and Tech students were excited to produce the show, record it and Live Stream it too.

This was a great real life, hands-on experience for them

12. Parish Update - Gabriella Starcevic

Father Francis is leaving St. Rapheal's Church on Jul.07

13. Committee Updates – Uniform and Aesthetics *and*

14. Business Arising from Previous Meeting *and*

15. Principal's Report - Clark McDougall

- a. Uniform – long sleeve shirts are being brought back and now available
- b. Athletics – Academic and Honour Rolls showcase have been moved to the front of the school
- c. Quotes have been painted in the meeting Room by students in the Art Class
- d. Wordle – to include:
 - Catholic Graduate Mandate – both Art & tech students can be involved
 - Meaning of the word 'Assumption' – A. Rerечich is working on this
 - More to be determined next year
- e. The School Generated Funds report was presented in detail and discussed. Explanation was given on usage of funds and balances that are expected by year-end.
- f. Achievements that were noted
 - Grade 8 night - representation by classes, committees, and Council. Supported by efforts from members of Knights of Columbus
 - Grade 7 day - Tons of schools participated, visited classes and tried out equipment in the school
 - Relay 4 Life - Fundraised over \$60,000. Next week review will begin on how things went in order to get started for next year. Many students participated and there were no disciplinary issues. Values gained – social responsibility and community
 - School Play – A resounding success; Grade 8's were welcomed to see it too
 - School BBQ – This was held during lunches. It was run on time and was well organised.
 - Graduation – will be Live Streamed to the U Tube page. Extra tickets will be available and allocated on a lottery system. Clark looking into working with sister schools to rent out a large facility together in the future; possibility of all 3 schools having their graduation on the same day different time slots.

- Graduation Sunset event – being planned and will be take place.
 - Graduation Awards – looking into the possibility of funds from other activities also paying for this, other than the School Council
 - Special Education awards are donated
 - It was noted that in the interest of time any more questions were to be emailed in and shared with the Council members
- g. CPIC – it was noted that there were issues from last year that were not addressed. Any issues raised by School Councils needs to be addressed by the Board and feedback provided. It is not reasonable that this is ignored.
- h. Clark thanked all the Council members, parent reps, students, and teachers. Looking forward to next year and working to Make the School Community better!

16. OAPCE Report - Maria Lourenco

- a. The 1st Provincial event was held at Bishop Redding School. There was a variety of speakers on several topics. It was a Live event on the website. Well received

17. Closing Prayer - Adriana Rerecich

NEXT MEETING - September 2022

