

Assumption Parent Council Meeting
December 6, 2022 – 6:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Melanie Skrlac at 5:59pm

1. Opening Prayer – Adrianna Rerecich
2. Land Acknowledgement – Adrianna Rerecich
3. Regrets received from Pascale Lapointe-Antunes, Gabrielle Starcevic, Kaley Hepburn
4. Approval of Agenda for this meeting
 - a. Cathy Kirin moved, seconded by Marnie Jennings
5. Approval of Minutes from October 4th meeting
 - a. Melanie Skrlac moved, seconded by Cathy Kirin
6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting – Clark McDougall
 - a. Mr. McDougall presented the results from the Aesthetic committee from last year and discussed three updates to be made to the newly renovated Front Entrance and Staff Room. Input will also be gained from department heads and students to get a wide range of voices
 - i. Statue of Mary – council to vote on two choices by ballot as presented
 - ii. Front Entrance – council to vote on two quotes by ballot from the four presented
 - iii. Staff Room – council to vote on two quotes by ballot from the four presented
7. Student Report - Laura Ponikvar
 - a. Lots of activities through the fall and holiday season that were well received by the student body.
 - b. Lunchtime activities have been planned going into the January exams to help students including Therapy dogs and Cocoa & cram
 - c. A trivia night has been planned for April – “Trivia Fights Hunger”. The date has been planned for Saturday April 15th, 2023 and they are hoping to make it a community event. Looking for door prizes for the night – contact Ms. Thomas if you can donate
8. Teacher’s Report – Mario Soster, Julianna Crowell
 - a. Miko run was a huge success this year
 - b. In run up to the 50th Anniversary of Assumption, more traditions will be brought back and highlighted
 - c. Parent/Teacher Engagement night in October was a success – great attendance
 - d. Grade 8 Day – students had a great day, lots of fun and lots of questions
 - e. Halloween – both the student run Haunted House and the annual Crusading for Cans were well done. Students loved the Haunted House and thought it was really scary and fun
 - f. In November, Islamic Heritage Week was held. This was an entirely student driven and run event which was well attended

- g. Academic awards this year included memorial awards as well as recognition awards. It was nice to see lots of parents cheering on and supportive of the students.
 - h. High School Musical – production was last week and ended with a sold out closing night
 - i. Teachers are finding that students & staff are becoming more comfortable in school and engaged
 - j. Activities for the rest of December – Semi formal is Thursday, Coat drive to support Teens for teens, Pep Rally on December 15th in the large gym with a Music Appreciation night the same day.
 - k. Life Skills Dance – to be held on Thursday during school, all the schools are involved
 - l. Future events -
 - i. College info night for students, parents – all pathways
 - ii. Outdoor Spring Open House
 - m. Academics –
 - i. OSSLT (Literacy exam) all students have written, results to be provided in January
 - ii. Grade 9 Math – EQAO in January for Term 1 students only. There is no longer a written component for this and 10% will now be counted towards a student's final grade
 - n. Clubs –
 - i. Book Club is in its 3rd year and is getting about 10-15 students per month
 - ii. Debate Club is new this year and is running on Thursdays
 - iii. Robotics Club is now up and running
 - iv. Math Madness is on Wednesdays and is doing fairly well
 - v. Model UN is going strong with approximately 40 students. There will be a Model UN Conference with the feeder schools that is to be held at QE Park
9. Treasurer's Report was combined into the Principal's Report
10. Fundraising Committee Update – Briana Hamlet, Cathy Kirin, Michelle Bradshaw
- a. Need to plan ahead earlier, unable to get the Poinsettia sale off the ground due to no meeting in November
 - b. Recipes in a Jar – decided we would move forward with this
 - c. Soups for winter warm-up floated as an idea
 - d. Chocolate (Purdy's) – last time out gave us \$3,000 in profit. Slotted into the calendar for Easter
 - e. A suggestion was brought up to maybe sell Easter Lilies
 - f. Silent Auction – this would be done via website and is still in the planning stages
 - g. Big Box of Cards (\$33/box = \$11 profit to school) – idea for downtime
 - h. Online store of Assumption Spirit Wear via Pegasus (Mugs, thermos, etc) with a max of 20 items. Parent would buy via online and Pegasus would ship direct to the parent. Students have approached Mr. McDougall and asked to run a

Merchandising Club to help monetize Assumption Spirit. Could use the Tuck Shop for in school sales and utilize online for parent sales.

- i. Next meetings for committee would be January/February
 - j. Discussion surrounded the planning of asks for donations from external sources. Walmart does quarterly donations of \$8,000 for community groups/events. Mr. McDougall will send out an email to council with a list of asks from staff & students. To be raised again at the next full council meeting
11. PRO Grant Application – Belinda Bastos
- a. Mental Health & Wellness is at the top of the list. Collaboration with some in our family of schools to bring on speaker from McMaster Sick Kids – Dr. Jean Clinton. Four schools would be participating.
12. Principal's Report - Clark McDougall
- a. McCarthy's has provided a sample of a new unisex jogger for review
 - b. Budget presentation
 - i. Student Activity Fee is only at 55% participation. This previously used to be 100% participation when it was a physical payment instead of being driven through School Cash Online. Other schools seem to be experiencing the same. To help Grade 8 parents, Mr. McDougall sent over a list of what this covers to the Grade 8 Feeder School principals
 - ii. Discussions were had surrounding the possible need for additional descriptions for various Athletic Fees for each sport.
13. Chaplain's Report – Arianna Rerecich
- a. Posters are now surrounding the chapel
 - b. Reconciliation will be held this month
 - c. Grade 9 retreats have all been completed
 - d. Weekly Crusader Chaplain Chatter is sent to all students. Discussion around whether Chatter could be emailed to parents as well
 - e. Healthy Relationships posting is now being added to the Instagram posts for the daily announcements.
14. Parish Update – presented by chairs
15. OAPCE Report – Sheila DeSousa
- a. Dec 1 an opening virtual meeting was held. Miguel Martinez was the guest speaker – discussed building healthy habits
16. Closing Prayer – Adrianna Rerecich

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm