



### **Assumption Parent Council Meeting**

September 26, 2023 – 6:00pm

Meeting started at 6:10pm

1. Opening Prayer – Clark McDougall
2. Honouring the Land – Kristy Davison
3. Welcome and Introductions – Clark McDougall
  - a. Regrets received from Belinda Bastos, Santa Silvestri, Adriana Rerecich, Mario Soster
  - b. Mr. McDougall welcomed the new council and introduced the administration and the new Vice Principal
4. Election of 2023-2024 School Council
  - a. Mr. McDougall reviewed the role of the Catholic School Council and the Code of Ethics
  - b. Catholic School Council Co-chairs – Melanie Skrlac & Belinda Bastos – acclaimed
  - c. Fundraising Rep – Briana Hamlet – acclaimed
  - d. Secretary – Kathryn Rizzi
  - e. Treasurer – Pascale Lapointe-Antunes
  - f. Parish Rep – Gabriella Starcevic
  - g. Community Rep – unfilled at this time
  - h. OAPCE Rep – Sheila De Sousa
  - i. All other parents on council to be Parent Representatives
5. Catholic School Council Oath
  - a. Mr. McDougall reviewed the oath and had all members of the 2023-2024 council sign off.

With the formal portion of the meeting concluded at 6:34pm, Ms. Skrlac was now the chair of the meeting

6. Proposed Meeting Dates
  - a. Council was presented with a list of potential meeting dates for the school year. Based on input from last year's council, additional dates were added prior to the holiday season to capitalize on fundraising.
  - b. Ms. Skrlac explained the meeting process for the new members of council – approximately 2 weeks prior to a meeting would be a call for agenda items; approximately 1 week prior the agenda and previous meeting minutes would be sent out
7. Principal's Update – Clark McDougall
  - a. Council of Chairs meeting has not yet been set
  - b. Evening with Bishop Crosby is to be held on November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Oakville Convention Centre. Further information on this can be found at [www.hccef.org](http://www.hccef.org). Last year the school purchased a table of 10 for the event.



- c. Athletics teams have gotten off to a great start. Field hockey team is excelling – new uniforms and new equipment
- d. Extra-curricular activities have started back up
- e. School Safety – all the washrooms have been reconfigured over the summer to remove the in/out doors. Stall doors are still intact.
- f. Increase in enrollment over summer from 1052 students in June to 1088 students as of the first day of school
- g. The Construction SHSM has signed up to build a tiny house that will be donated to charity
- h. A new SHSM, First Responder, began this year
- i. Grade 9 Dance held last week was a great success

Question was asked about non-Assumption students attending events for students who are out of boundary and/or not from this country to help make them more comfortable

- i. Mr. McDougall indicated that our Student Ambassadors are the ones that are supposed to fill this role. A suggestion was made to give this topic to the Leadership class for some ideas and brainstorming as to how to be more inclusive in these instances.

#### 8. New Business

- a. M. Clark brought up the issue with the technology change over which had occurred this week. A discussion ensued and the administration indicated that a message would be disseminated to any students who are still encountering issues.
- b. M. Clark inquired about Math textbooks and compared the differences between Science and Math classes. Grade 11 Science students received a workbook from the teacher so students will not need to print the required worksheets regularly; whereas Math students did not receive textbooks nor workbooks so students need to print their own worksheets every evening. When asked if Math students would receive textbooks, Mr. McDougall confirmed they had been ordered but had not been received yet.

#### 9. Motion to Adjourn meeting by G. Starcevic and seconded by Cathy Kirin

#### 10. Closing Prayer – C. McDougall