

Immaculate Conception School Board Minutes March 19, 2024 Garden Level, 7:00 pm

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Roll:** Kyle Doerr , Jolene Sasser, Teresa Dorshorst, Lee Rinella, Jessica Wachtel, Andrea Bodinet, Brandy Dohle, Barb Baum (a), Bill Gregozeski, Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette (a), Mark Verticchio, Fr. Steve, Mr. Gregson, Kara Dell-Hunt
3. **Parent advocates for Mrs. Henneberry Diane Zika - Christy Hornaceck, Keri Voelker, Emilie Dufford, Tim Tharp, Susan Delopas, Bethany Unterseh.**

Mrs. Henneberry is an independent contractor. Many of the students have diagnoses of dyslexia with some additional medical issues, as well.

Studies have shown that students with dyslexia their brains work harder and therefore tend to have greater cognitive fatigue. Therefore, after school tutoring is not advisable as their dyslexia is worse. Mrs. Henneberry does the Wilson Reading system. Her knowledge and experience is irreplaceable for the children and their families. The Wilson program is aligned with our phonics program at ICS. Mrs. Henneberry does carry the certifications that are necessary to keep her updated. Over 30 students in our school have been diagnosed with dyslexia and Mrs. Henneberry only tutors 9 of them.

There is a waitlist to get into Mrs. Henneberry. Charging Mrs. Henneberry will increase the costs to the parents.

We have 4 to 5 independent contractors coming into the school. They are here 4-5 hrs per week with the exception of Mrs. Henneberry who is here daily from 8 a.m. - 3:30 (sometimes longer).

4. **Parents and Friends Report:** Dinner auction highly successful
Mother-Son - Saturday 4/13 1 p.m.
Teacher/Staff appreciation is Thursday
Give STL Day May 9th
5. **Pastoral Council Report:** Discernment is beginning in cooperation with school board.
Visiting priest will be coming in September.
6. **Faculty Report:**

Finished reading Fahrenheit 451 and Animal Farm.

Geography: We have finished our study of the United States, Canada, and are moving through the rest of North and South America the rest of the school year.

In math, students have just finished units on Geometry, focusing first on properties of the figures and angle relationships and then on measurement including perimeter/circumference, area, surface area, and volume. They are now starting to study probability.

In English they have completed 5-paragraph informational essays, including style components, a variety of sentence structures that we've studied this year, and MLA format. Their next writing will be persuasive essays with citations.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Teacher/Employee Committee: Teachers are requesting a change be made for lowering the accrued saved sick/personal time compensation.
- b. Community Engagement Committee:None
- c. Curriculum Committee:Spoke with 3rd & 4th Grade in language arts. 5th and 6th will be talked with next.
- d. Student Activities Committee: Rough outline has been completed for what each area will do and now it needs to be turned over to the AD and Coordinators.
- e. Budget Committee:Past dues improved, today, due to registration starting today.
- f. Discernment Committee:
 - i. Discernment "Holy Bowl" May 18th, 5:00pm mass.
 - ii. Ad in Bulletin and Crusader Comments starting 4/21.
 - iii. Start reaching out to prospective members.
 - iv. Members with expiring terms are Kyle, Teresa, Lee, and Jessica. All are eligible for another term.
- g. Building/Grounds Committee:
 - i. The Facilities Committee met yesterday along with members of the Capital Campaign Committee.
- h. Strategic Planning Committee:

8. Principal's Report:

- a. The Science Olympiad Team won 1st place at SWIC and will compete at U of I in April.
- b. We will be hosting the Scholar Bowl regionals in April.
- c. Space Camp for 7th grade is March 20-22.
- d. Current student registration March 19, all fees need to be paid up to date.
- e. Mrs. Zika will not be returning to ICS next year. Mrs. Taylor will take over as head of the Resource Dept.

- f. Musical: Shrek, Jr. is April 4, 5 (7:00 pm), April 6 (2:00 pm)
 - g. Washington D.C. trip for 8th grade is April 7-12
 - h. New Student Enrollment numbers:
 - i. PreK 3 days: 9
 - ii. PreK 5 days: 16 (limit is 20)
 - iii. Preschool 3 days: 10 (limit 13)
 - iv. Preschool 5 days: 19 (limit 20-22)
 - v. Kindergarten: 14 new, 28 current = 42
 - vi. 1st grader, 3rd grader
 - i. Cafeteria tables are ordered, what to do with the current (old) tables?
 - j. Gather quotes from cleaning companies, does anyone know any? Perhaps a janitor would be more practical.
 - k. Ms. Shea will be on maternity leave Oct-Dec. How this impacts the character ed classes for grades K-4
9. **Pastor's Report:** Capital campaign kicks off the beginning of April with a 3 minutes more - however, not on the Sunday of First Communion.
The roof in our church leaks (like sive). We hope that we can get even greater amounts pledged for the capital campaign to help us with these additional repairs.
10. **Old Business:**
- a. ICS Class of 2020 Special Recognition
11. **New Business:**
- a. Faculty Rep on the board - Cannot be on the Board per by-laws.

Closing Prayer: