

Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting January 16, 2024 Garden Level, 7:00 pm

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Roll:** Kyle Doerr , Jolene Sasser, Teresa Dorshorst, Lee Rinella, Jessica Wachtel, Andrea Bodinet, Brandy Dohle, Barb Baum(A), Bill Gregozeski, Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette, Mark Verticchio, Fr. Steve, Mr. Gregson, Kara Dell-Hunt
- **Parents and Friends Report:** February 24th - Preparations for Dinner Auction are continuing. Donation and solicitation - contact Mandy McGuire. We are in good shape monetarily.
- **Pastoral Council Report:** Visited a couple of ministries - Women's Club & Parents & Friends. Will continue on with other ministries. Went over costs for the church.
- **Faculty Report:** (5th grade)Fifth grade is the first year as upper grade students with lockers in the hallway instead of in the classroom. Students learn even more organizational skills as they have three teachers to switch between, and a rotating class schedule.

We have our big field trip to Ondessonk in October. Where students focus on finding God in nature and friends. We really work on team building, and exploring while here.

We read several novels both in AR class and Reading. Some of those include Wonder, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Number the Stars and Sign of the Beaver.

In Science class students have more hands-on labs during class. They have their first Science Fair experiment during the 3rd quarter.

History class covers Ancient Civilizations. Students learn about everyone from the Stone Age to the Romans.

Fifth grade is also the year for the DARE program. Officers from the Columbia PD present this program. At its conclusion students write an essay covering their choices to stay away from Drugs and Alcohol. The top essays are read at the graduation ceremony. We finish up the ceremony with ice cream and a presentation from the K-9.

Committee Reports:

- A. Teacher/Employee Committee: None
- B. Community Engagement Committee: Getting snacks ready for Open House 1/28/24
- C. Curriculum Committee: Meeting on the 10th. Two first grade teachers presented their current curriculum and possible changes to curriculum.
- D. Student Activities Committee:

Athletic Director - Data gathering. Issues with the athletic department. Spoke with other schools' AD's. Determined that it may be best to have someone who is not directly involved with ICS. Next year - hope to have a GAP year and reorganize and move from there. All sports will continue as is - a thought of a committee running the GAP year. We are losing money in athletics now. We feel things can be fixed. Mr. Gregson is concerned about who is in charge at each event
- E. Budget Committee: Turned a profit of +/- \$19,000. Total Overdue Fees including lunches - +/- \$7,000 .
- F. Discernment Committee: No report
- G. Building/Grounds Committee: Campus Enhancement Phase I - Survey of grounds completed. Topographic map and layout being finished. The Capital Campaign committee has met with OSV. They may assist us with our campaign.
- H. Strategic Planning Committee: No report.

● Principal's Report:

Two new students joined us in January, PreK- Velonsky, 5th grade, 2 students withdrew in Jan
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- We will be combining events from mission week (8th/faculty volleyball, talent show) with CSW. (The carnival will be the last full day with the bouncy houses. More details as we get closer.) Calendar of the week will be out soon.
- Students will hand out "thank you" cards after mass on Feb 3-4
- 3 Minutes More at the masses Feb 3-4 to thank parishioners

- **Pastor's Report:** Capital campaign did get moved to the end of February, hopefully. Our sign has been completed and should be going up sometime at the end of this

month. Capital campaign will be at \$4.5 million.

- Our Queen of Hearts made a profit. +/- \$100
- We will be moving into a busy time for the church beginning with Lent.

- **Old Business:**

A. None

- **New Business:**

A. Iowa Test Scores - Overall our composite scores exceeded the Diocese scores with the exception of 5th grade.

B. Open House: Sun, Jan 28, 10:00-12:30

C. Scholastic Book Fair - January 31st - February 4th

Closing Prayer: Kyle Doerr