

Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting
February 17, 2015 Parish Conference Room
Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Mr. Kish led the prayer.

Roll Call: Attendees: Doug Ramey, Cindy Schaefer, Teresa Dorshorst, Christine Schorb, Adam Randle, Tim Curry, Sarah Lundberg, Shannon Haney, Melissa Schaefer, Chris Basler, Jennifer Thorne, Mike Kish and Fr. Carl.

Not attending: Tim Mueth and Stan Osterhage.

Welcoming of Guests: Jolene Sasser, Parents and Friends Rep.
Ms. Tara Kennedy, Teacher Rep. and Mike Behnen, Parish Council Rep.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Chris Basler, seconded by Cindy Schaefer.

Parents and Friends Report: The Dinner Auction was a huge success, grossing over \$110,000. 23 major chairpersons and lots of cooperation made this possible. Bounce-U has been booked for Casimir Pulaski Day for a fund-raiser. "Girls on the Run", an empowerment program based on character education and fitness, was discussed. Several teachers have experience with the program and we will seriously consider registering for next spring and concentrating on lower grade girls. Sponsors can be parents or teachers. Cost might be \$100-\$150 per student but includes participation in the 5k run, tee-shirts, and the national program. We might be able to adapt this to our needs here in the future. Father/Daughter dance will on April 11th; all grades are welcome. Jolene Sasser will do some more research.

Pastoral Council Report: Mike Behnen reported on an excellent report from the Cemetery Committee that projects serving parish needs for 80-90 years. He talked about the current Facilities and Land-use task force and our three pronged approach to paying off the current debt on the new Church, buying some attached land to our current 25 acres and developing it for a profit, marketing the 3.49 acres of the old campus, and building a new Parish Educational Center serving "Little Church" to adults. He mentioned using some of the labor Day Picnic flatware at the new site for funeral luncheons.

Committee Reports/Assignments Discussion:

- 1) Teacher/Employee Committee: No additional comments from the teachers about the requests. Comparison of Unit 4's salary schedule has been completed and shows that we are a 1.5% above 85% of their salaries. Teacher/Staff ID cards were made by the school.
- 2) Development Committee: Open House went well; 20 families attended of which 17 were new to ICS. The Alumni Appeal is currently at \$6,300. The Budget Committee will review the current financial reports to determine the need for a Sponsor Our School campaign this year.
- 3) Curriculum Committee: No report

4) Athletic Committee: Volleyball referees have pointed out that our poles do not meet current requirements. Bid for new system is \$3,600. Chris Basler made a motion to purchase, Cindy Schaefer seconded. Motion approved.

5) Budget Committee: Doug Ramey will be contacting Mr. Osterhage with questions raised.

6) Discernment Committee: Shannon Haney encouraged members to start soliciting potential members. Jolene Sasser recommended someone speak about the School Board to Parents and Friends at the March meeting.

7) Building/Grounds Committee: Tinkers continue to accomplish many tasks. We have a bid coming in for door closures and locks which will be paid for by Father's Club.

Faculty Report: 3rd grade just completed a Lego unit. Ms. Kennedy passed around a poster they created.

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Carrow is still in therapy and we hope will be back to work full time next week.
- Tremendous success academically this past weekend. Scholastic Bowl Team took third at the 28 school Mater Dei Tournament(most schools are finishing up their season and peaking while we have just started). Science Olympia at SIUE took 6 first places, 6 seconds, and 6 thirds. We did very well despite being 5 people short and not entering all categories. The Concert Band performed well on some very difficult pieces the Bishop DuBourg adjudication. MathCounts was held at SIUE and we placed third behind Liberty and Lincoln of Edwardsville, two huge middle schools. At the same time, we took second place at the SLU High Math competition.
- The school has applied for \$2,500 technology grant to expand our bandwidth and purchase more Chrome books.
- The first magazine drive check has come in. Sales are down slightly this year but could get back up with on-line sales anytime.
- Ms. Sherry would like to start a summer camp program at school. Adam Randle spoke with Columbia Kinder College about their needs for our facility this summer.

Pastor's Report: We begin Lent tomorrow. Stations of the Cross will be offered for students on Fridays at 2:15. K of C Fish Fries will begin on Ash Wednesday. Confirmation retreat will be on Friday evening; Saints Peter and Paul students will be joining us. Nearly 50% of ICS families have turned in their Stewardship form.

Old Business: none

New Business: Teresa has spoken with Russ Peterson about the potential for marketing ICS with parents at Little Church. Cindy Schaefer made a motion to move forward. Motion approved with two abstentions.

Fr. Carl closed the meeting with prayer.

The Board went into Executive Session.