

# Immaculate Conception School Advisory Council Agenda/Minutes

**February 17, 2026, Garden Level, 7:00 pm**

NOTE: Information to be added to the agenda should be emailed to Mr. Crean and Jessica Wachtel 9 days prior to the meeting to allow for discussion. They will then update the agenda items prior to the meeting.

- **Opening Prayer**

**“Lord Jesus, may I always recognize your saving presence in my life and never forget your promises when I encounter trials and difficulties. Give me a faith that never wavers, a hope that never fades, and a love that never grows cold.”**

- **Roll:**

- Jessica Wachtel-absent
- Bill Gregozeski
- Brandy Dohle
- Marie Grasle
- Jim Schuette-absent
- Mark Verticchio
- Justin Knobloch
- Susie Funk-absent
- Ali Kosydor
- Lori Miller-absent
- Erin Schirmer
- Dave Bodinet
- Father Brian
- Kara Dell-Hunt-absent
- Mr. Crean
- Mr. John Whitworth-absent
- Ms. Marty Colley-absent
- Guests: none

- **Parents and Friends Report:**

- Submitted by: none

- **Pastoral Council Report:**

- Catholic Schools Week-finished
- Open House-finished

- Committee - discussing safety, utilizing door stops in the classrooms for safety enhancements as recommended by local police officers
  
- **Faculty Report:**
  - 7th grade
    - gearing up for space camp prep - March 11th-13th
    - Finished National Parks study
    - Moving on to grammar study of pronouns
    - Studied geography of United States and moving on to Canada
    - Civil War reconstruction - VR sets - experience the Civil War from History museum
    - Science Labs - chemistry
    - Math - finishing up geometry unit
    - Valentine making projects with the Kindergarten students
    - Reading Adventures of Tom Sawyer
    - Safe and Sacred lessons with Ms. Shea
    - Eucharistic Adoration session with Father Brian
    - Builders Club - Kids Against Hunger - packing day is this Friday, raised \$10,000-new goal reached! About 10,000 meals going to St. Raymonds in Guatemala

### **Committee Reports:**

- Teacher/Employee Committee:
  - No report
  
- Community Engagement Committee:
  - Open House - need more volunteers next year from Advisory Council; mid 20's number of families who came for the tours
  - FAQ sheet - document sharing monumental things for each grade level shared at the tour - suggested to share with all families at the start of the school year
  
- Curriculum Committee:
  - Discussed math curriculum - looking at samples to make a decision on curriculum for next school year

- Discussed AR program - discussed transparency to share with parents; discussed pros/cons; Mr. Crean's goal is to collect data from the teachers on how to make best use of the program; Goal to have consistency beginning in fall
  - Student Activities Committee:
    - Volleyball ongoing - successful
    - Heard rumors that athletics is "Flush with cash" - not a correct statement; breaking even
    - Knights of Columbus - free throw contest - told the date, unable to change
  - Budget Committee:
    - School profit \$36K favorable to budget
      - Income is \$51K over budget due primarily to advances to cover expenses while awaiting reimbursements
      - Expenses are \$15K over budget primarily due to increases in Healthcare costs
  - Discernment Committee:
    - Will be 4 openings for the 2026-27 school year- Bill G. (not eligible for discernment), Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette , Mark Verticchio
  - Building/Grounds Committee:
    - No report
  - Strategic Planning Committee:
    - No report (No committee anymore)
- **Principal's Report:**
  - Lent - Hallow Lenten challenge - invested in subscription with the company for 3 years; utilizing Lent as a kickoff to engage
  - 2nd of 3 PD sessions on AI last week - Magic School platform for utilizing a form of educational chat GPT
  - Kids Against Hunger 10k - Builders Club - incredible job leading the students through various events
  - Monica Ybarra - St. Clair principal - Mr. Crean is meeting with their school on March 4th to gain knowledge
  - Playground update - met with all design companies; in the process of selecting one; Mr. Whitworth is reaching out to city for permits and processes
  - Guest Speaker - Feb 25th - Be God's Light - speaker from Uganda

- Spring Theatre - Mary Beth Babcock has the program up and running again
- Safety Committee - looking at adding a pin lock to each door; donation made to cover the cost- Thank you!

- **Pastor's Report:**

- 7th/8th discussed Eucharist Adoration - 10 to 15 minutes - played music
- Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 2pm) - make more meaningful this Lent-ask 14 kids to write a 1 or 2 minute personal connection to the station, then pick a modern song that relates to the station; making a more meaningful experience during this season of Lent; also do Living Stations of the Cross
- 7th grade student - asked to become Catholic - so exciting!
- Recycling - goal to convert to paper recycling first, then look into paper/plastic

- **Old Business:**

- none

- **New Business:**

- Welcome to our new member, Dave Bodinet

- **Closing Prayer**

- Thank you Father Brian for leading us in prayer

- **Upcoming dates:**

<b>March 17, 2026</b>	<b>School board meeting</b>
<b>April 21, 2026</b>	<b>School board meeting</b>
<b>May 19, 2026</b>	<b>School board meeting</b>
<b>June 16, 2026</b>	<b>School board meeting</b>