

Immaculate Conception School Advisory Council
Agenda/Minutes
January 20, 2026, Garden Level, 7:00 pm

- **Opening Prayer**

“Lord Jesus, may I give you fitting honor in the way I live my life and in the way I treat my neighbor. May I always treat others with the same mercy and kindness which you have shown to me. Free me from a critical and intolerant spirit that I may always seek the good of my neighbor.”

- **Roll:**

- Jessica Wachtel
- Bill Gregozeski-absent
- Brandy Dohle
- Marie Grasle
- Jim Schuette-absent
- Mark Verticchio
- Justin Knobloch
- Susie Funk
- Ali Kosydor
- Lori Miller-absent
- Erin Schirmer
- Emilee Dufford-absent
- Father Brian-absent
- Kara Dell-Hunt-absent
- Mr. Crean
- Mr. John Whitworth-absent
- Ms. Marty Colley
- Guests: Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Nelson

- **Parents and Friends Report:**

- Submitted by: none
Auction coming up! Feb 28th
Friday morning meetings being held once a month in the garden level - helping with attendance

- **Pastoral Council Report:**

- No report (No December Meeting)

- **Faculty Report:**

- none

Committee Reports:

- Teacher/Employee Committee:
 - No report
- Community Engagement Committee:
 - Open House (Sunday 10am-12:30pm)
 - Nametags have been ordered and hopefully will arrive for the open house
 - Cookies have been ordered and will offer snacks (goldfish/water)
 - Planning for around 50 families, expecting around 35
 - Spread the word! All are welcome!
- Curriculum Committee:
 - Parent comments/questions to consider regarding AR program (will be addressed with curriculum committee, Mr. Crean at a further time)
 - How are the percentage grades determined at each level?
 - Is the grade averaged into the overall GPA?
 - Has it been considered as a portion of the language arts grade?
 - How are modifications made for students with disabilities?
 - What is the goal of the program within the curriculum?
 - Could it be something that we consider as an “extra” instead of embedded within the curriculum?
- Student Activities Committee:
 - Could we look at sports sign ups for fall/winter and spring separately, instead of all in August? Some families are not prepared to make spring commitments that early in the year.
 - The reason it is all done at once is due to the time involved with registration and rostering. It would add a lot to do this while basketball and volleyball is going on. This would only apply to Track and Golf. Kids have signed up “late” for Track each of the last two years. If we are short players to round out a Golf team after spring registration we will add younger players to fill the team.

- Discussed items to look at for separating the seasons registrations that would most likely be doable - book keeping with payments and registrations, physicals, attendance at a parent meeting; Will be discussed with athletic committee

Basketball is wrapping up and volleyball is underway.

6th Grade Girls won the Diocesan basketball tournament, and had a great season. Overall, our teams had success in games and tournaments, and with player development.

We hosted our first basketball tournament earlier this month and it seemed to be well received by the teams that participated. We will host a volleyball tournament in early March that should have around 12 teams in it.

The new volleyball uniforms were delayed from making it in time for the start of the season and will be distributed shortly after we receive them

We are hosting a chess tournament on March 28.

- Thank you for the generous donation to pay for the shirts!

Free throw tournament - hosted by Knights of Columbus

- Could we look ahead at date that is not the same as diocesan tournament for the boys?

○ Budget Committee:

- YTD profit under budget by \$47K
 - Income under by \$36K primarily due to reimbursements and contribution timing...will even out throughout the year
 - Expenses over budget by \$11K due to increased health care costs
- No concerns noted

○ Discernment Committee:

- Info sent from Michelle for information to add to the bulletin (beginning of March)
- boxes out for all of March during Masses
- May 2nd - drawing at mass

○ Building/Grounds Committee:

- Jim Schuette reached out to Mr. Crean - looking into gathering information for the warehouse space

- Tinkerers installed windows in the door and painted in order to allow Mrs. Henneberry to work in the space. She is grateful for the working space!
 - Shout out to Tinkerers - HVAC units all cleaned out! Bill Walsh led a great team! Very inspiring for their efforts! How can we thank them?
 - Strategic Planning Committee:
 - none
- **Principal's Report:**
 - Catholic Schools Week - Looking forward to a great week!
 - Theme - "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace"
 - Daily dress up days
 - Sister Thea Bowman coming on Wednesday to play glo bingo and trivia with our whole school. We will wear their school color (red) and they will wear ours (blue)!
 - Luminary Rosary - candles with prayer intentions
 - Spelling Bee
 - Builders Club interviewed Father Brian - will be sharing video
 - Thursday - Talent Show; introduction to school song by Mr. Crean
 - Mini Retreat - 4 stations - 2 active stations(Prayer stones) where students are doing an activity with a partner, 2 passive - one Father Brian discussing music connects to prayer, one with Mr. Crean on wellness and meditation
 - Volleyball game
 - Faith walk - buddy discussions
 - Hallow App
 - PD with staff in December
 - collecting permission slips to set all students up with access
 - Info emailed to staff to show engaging students - example: Gwen Steffani discussing her faith
 - Workshop on AI -
 - January 21, 2026, speaker coming in from ROE
 - February and March - diving into use of the AI information
 - School Safety Committee
 - met with committee members to discuss means for improvement
 - working on improvement on reunification plan with local officers similar to Columbia Public School
 - Pre-school playground
 - met with vendor today for a 3rd option

- Electronics Policy
 - overall well received; a lot of support so far
- Theatre Program
 - met with MaryBeth
 - hosting meetings to help engage families with support needed to continue the program
- Guest speaker - March - Charles Opio from Uganda
 - theme is “Be God’s Light” Going to share his way of life with faith and share more about how he shares his faith through music and dance
- AR program
 - looking into the program
 - Curriculum committee will discuss at meeting upcoming in the next few weeks
 - Mr. Crean will collect information from teachers regarding how the program is used within the classroom
 - Next advisory council will report back the discussion and information
- Latchkey
 - Thank you for the change! Noted safety improvements
- **Pastor’s Report:**
 - Father Brian - absent
- **Old Business:**
 - AED - Susie Funk took recertification; Recent recall on AED machines and may need update. Jessica will look into
- **New Business:**
 - Emilee Dufford - withdrew from position on the student advisory council
 - Dave Bodinet sent invitation to join the student advisory council
 - 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.
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Thank you Mr. Crean for sharing a favorite prayer!

NOTE: ICS website - update the names and contact information for school advisory committee members

<https://www.icscolumbia.org/advisory-council.html>

- **Upcoming dates:**

Feb 17, 2026	School board meeting
March 17, 2026	School board meeting
April 21, 2026	School board meeting
May 19, 2026	School board meeting
June 16, 2026	School board meeting