

APPROVED MINUTES – Home & School Meeting September 27, 2011

Opening Prayer led by Heather Schrimpf

New families to IC School were welcomed by Jennifer Gerling

2011-12 Home and School officers were introduced: President – Jennifer Gerling, Vice-President – Jennifer Cassmeyer, Treasurer – Amy Wolters, Secretary – Traci Albertson

Minutes from the March 22, 2011 Home and School meeting were approved with one addition – dollar amounts for earnings from the fundraisers (carnival, chili supper, fall fling). Motion to approve by Sarah Stieferman. Motion seconded by Rhonda Wohlt.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Lisa Berendzen. Motion seconded by Susie Register. Asked why uniform exchange money wasn't listed. No monies have been received from the uniform exchange coordinator. Amy Wolters will contact Katie Roling to see where that stands. Also asked about School Supplies pre-order profit. That was not a Home and School fund raiser, so no report was available.

Principal's Report: Welcomed all in attendance. Introduced faculty and staff for the 2011-12 school year.

Encouraged everyone to vote in the Calling all Communities program. If we win, prize money will be used to upgrade the school's technology by purchasing computer components and additional smart boards. Forty people made the bus trip to collect additional cards. Thanked volunteers for spending time at school over the weekend casting votes. Students earned a dress down day on Sept. 29th for bringing in over 300 voting cards.

The IC Self Study Committees have been formed and held their first meetings prior to tonight's Home and School meeting. Debbie and Kevin Kolb are chairpersons of the self study and have done a great deal to organize the committees. Thanks to everyone that has been willing to help and get involved in this process.

Communication with parents has been adjusted a bit for this school year. Teachers have been asked to check emails less frequently during the day while teaching. If a parent sends an email to the teacher it may not be answered until the end of the day or during the teacher's planning period. Parents are also asked not to send an angry email to a teacher during the day because it may affect the teacher's ability to focus on the classroom the rest of the day. If parents have a concern, send an email or make a phone call saying you'd like to schedule a time to discuss an issue, rather than putting that complaint in email form.

SW-PBS: Beth Atkinson spoke about the new initiative that IC started this year. The School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS) teaches social and behavioral skills so the focus can be on teaching and learning rather than discipline issues in the classroom. IC is the 1st parochial school in the region to have the program. There is a team of teachers and administrators in place that will work with facilitators to fine tune the program specifically for IC. Now we're in the data collecting stage. They have developed an acronym to focus the program – HALO (Have Responsibility, Act Safely, Live Christlike, Offer Respect) and will determine the core social behaviors needed to master each category of HALO They will develop a matrix and then next year, will create lessons to teach the skills to students.

AR: Beth Atkinson reported that this year's Accelerated Reading program theme is "Don't Stop Believing. Just Keep Reading" and the school-wide point goal is 30,000. The program is for 3rd-8th graders to improve reading skills and comprehension. Currently the school has earned 3,411 points.

Fundraising Events: Fall Fling will be held Oct. 29th at IC with a Las Vegas theme. Beth Loethen is chair person. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30, followed by a 6:30 dinner, 7:30 live auction and 8:30 casino games. Tickets are \$80/couple or \$40/single. A drawing for 2 free single tickets was held and the winners were Lisa Feltrop and Betsy Lock.

The Carnival/Junior High Dance will be held February 3rd 4:30-8:30 and the carnival chairs are Alyssa Bruemmer and Angie Toebben. The Junior High Dance still needs a chair person. The Chili Supper will be held March 17 and

needs chairpeople. Question was raised why the chili supper had been moved and the explanation provided was that the carnival wanted to keep the mardi gras theme which meant it needed to be prior the start of Lent and since that falls earlier in February next year, it was decided to end Catholic Schools week with the carnival and move the chili supper to another time so we didn't have two events back to back. Field Day will be held at the end of school and Kristin Davis is chair, but looking for a co-chair.

CRHP: Sarah Stieffermann spoke about the upcoming Mens CRHP retreat set for Oct. 8-9. The Womens retreat scheduled for last weekend was postponed due to low enrollment. Next spring's CRHP retreats are scheduled for Mar 10-11 (Womens) and Mar 24-25 (Mens). Mark your calendars now. Check out YouTube to see a video about the program.

Scrip: Last school year we raised over \$49,000 for the school & families, with sales over \$1 million. New merchants are Phillips 66/Conoco gas cards, Dunn Bros., and Papa Murphy's. We have an 83% participation rate among school families. Janie thanked all the volunteers that help sell scrip after all the masses on weekends. Would like new volunteers so if you're willing to help out, contact Janie Wyrick.

Athletic Report: Ms. Markway reported that the volleyball and cross country teams are doing a great job so far this season and volleyball teams need to get registered for the catholic bowl. Basketball tryout information has been distributed and registration forms are due Sept. 29th if your child wants to play PAL basketball this school year. It is IC's turn to host the basketball catholic bowl this year.

Girl Scouts: Lisa Berendzen said the IC troops are getting under way with the start of the new school year and Rene Harden has volunteered to be troop leader for a new Kindergarten troop. There will be an open house for any Kindergarten girls interested in joining Daisy Scouts on Thursday Oct. 6.

Cub Scouts: Joe Cremer reported that Cub Scouts are for boys in grades 1-6 and Boy Scouts is for 6th grade and up. There are approximately 45 boys in our Cub Scout pack at this time. The scouts participate in a Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby races, campouts and other activities.

Recycling report: Sr. Josetta asked that we keep sending in our Schnucks receipts and using our Gerbes cards because points are built up based on our purchases at those stores. Also collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans but needs the UPC code from the cardboard box that your bottled water comes in and then the codes off the bottles themselves, so don't remove labels. Also don't smash aluminum soda cans because she can use the UPC codes off of those cans as well.

NAMI: Jennifer Hudson is a representative for NAMI Missouri – National Alliance on Mental Illness and that organization is providing a free workshop on Mental Health First Aide so you know what to do when you see someone in a mental health crisis. Registration is required but the class is available for free and will be hosted by IC in October. Flyers were sent home in backpacks, but if you need additional info, contact Jennifer Hudson.

Counselors report: Mrs. Kuster reminded everyone that next week is Standardized Testing and students need 8-10 hours of sleep and a protein/fresh fruit filled breakfast to be the most successful on the tests.

The next Home and School meeting will be held November 29, 2011. Other dates will be January 24th and March 27th. The March 27th meeting will include a pot luck dinner and review of the IC self study evaluation.

Room parents can see Amy Wolters for your classroom party check.

Mrs. Burbank's class won the attendance prize for most parents in attendance at this meeting at 50%. The class will get an extra recess.

Closing prayer was led by Jennifer Gerling. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.