

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

School Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2008

President Jocelyn Strand called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. Those in attendance were: Jill Kliethermes, Melissa Lorts, Jim Macy, Lori Kempker, Jocelyn Strand, Debbie Kolb, Janie Wyrick, Shari LePage, Mike Winter, Sheila Hirsch, Father Pat Dolan, Jill Struempf, and Heather Schrimpf.

Athletic Committee

The first order of business was to hear from the athletic committee which was represented by Ken Kuster, Dan Theonen, and Becky Schlueter. Mr. Kuster gave background history on tryouts for athletic teams at IC School. He mentioned that every year parents call and complain about the system but that they never changed anything. Last year there were an abundance of calls from both those who made teams and those who did not. There were also questions from the volleyball coaches about why they did not have any tryouts and a concern for treating the programs equally. The committee met last spring and decide a different approach was maybe better but that they did not have the time to make all programs the same because volleyball starts so early in the school year. They expressed their regret for not bringing it to the board last spring.

Eight parents were present advocating the return to basketball tryouts. Mr. Chris Hentges spoke about teams from larger schools usually having tryouts and that we should do the same on the field as we do in the classroom. His suggestion was to have an 8 player basketball team instead of 10. Mrs. Schlueter commented that there can be more than one varsity team. The discussion continued for over one hour with many suggestions being given. Discussion ranged from how teams are selected, what to do if there are a limited number of athletes, how to change the PAL rules, why there should still be tryouts, equality among schools, etc...

Mrs. Strand asked the parent group and the athletic committee to each present a written document outlining their reasoning for and against sports team tryouts. The board told the parent group and athletic committee that a discussion would be held by the board and a vote taken at the October meeting.

Introductions

Each board member introduced themselves for Mike Winters who joined the board at this meeting.

August Meeting Minutes

The August meeting minutes were amended to replace Janie Wyrick's name which was listed twice with Mike Winters name which was omitted. Jim Macy made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Debbie Kolb seconded. The motion was approved.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Struempf said the parent newsletter went home, the Tour of Missouri bicycle team will perform on September 11 for both IC and East Schools and mid quarter will be September 19. There is a new e-mail distribution list being formed for parent communication and the instructions are in the newsletter. She emphasized that there has been a very smooth start to the beginning of the school year and she is very pleased.

Mrs. Schrimpf discussed the lunch program. She has noticed a lot of waste and has begun discussions with the cooks about how things can be changed to combat the waste. They are discussing an alternate entre such as peanut butter or cheese/crackers. They are trying to satisfy the children and efficiently

prepare and serve a large number of students. The budget is looking good and more discussion will follow.

Mrs. Struempf said the school's current project is "Feed the Hungry." A variety of projects will be taking place to collect food for the Central Missouri Food Bank through the middle of October. The next focus will be "Burying the Dead."

Old Business

There will be training for all of the board members on October 15 from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Ann's room. Board members from St. Stanislaus will join us. A few people are asked to bring snacks.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Pat reported that we are getting back into parish planning and he wants every church organization to say what they are doing to help meet the new mission statement of the parish. The school board will look at this at the October meeting.

New Business

Fr. Pat is asking for an ad-hoc committee to look at future enrollments at IC over the next three years. He wants this committee to look at the number of registered families with four year olds and see if some have left the parish or if they have special needs children who may not attend IC. He would like to get a feel for the number of student before the actual registration period. This same committee could see if there is an interest in a pre-school program again. Jill Klietermes volunteered to help with this committee and represent the school board. Jocelyn will ask for volunteers at the home and school meeting.

Athletic Committee Discussion

The school board openly discussed the thoughts that were presented earlier in the evening and some of their own opinions regarding the issue. Many options were discussed from no tryouts back to having tryouts again. The make-up and tenure of the athletic committee was also briefly discussed. It was also discussed that the principals and board presidents from surrounding schools meet to discuss athletic procedures so that everyone is using the same procedures for tryouts. The board will wait for documents from both the parents and the athletic committee and continue discussion and vote at the October meeting.

Reminders

The next meeting is October 7 at 7 p.m. in the library. The school board training is October 15 at 7 p.m. in the St. Ann's room.

There being no further business, Fr. Pat ended with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Father Dolan, Pastor

Jill Struempf, Principal

Lori Kempker, Secretary