

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2008**

- President Chris Yarnell called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were: Jennifer Cassmeyer, Jill Struempf, Father Dolan, Chris Yarnell, Rena Kuster, Jill Kliethermes, Melissa Lorts, Jocelyn Strand, Vic Rackers, Kevin Yanskey, and Lori Kempker.

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS:

President's Report:

Mr. Yarnell opened the meeting with a gospel reading (John 20:19-31).

February minutes were read and approved (motion to approve by Mrs. Lorts, 2nd by Mrs. Strand).

Pastor's Report:

Father Pat asked the board to reflect on the previously read gospel. Father questioned how we can help someone who is faltering to strengthen their faith. Some examples given by board members were to pray with the person and to lead by example. Father commented IC had a good Easter celebration. He noted there were approximately 100 people at the Mass of Anointing on 4/1/08. He noted we should be thankful to many of the people who attended this Mass; many of them helped build the parish. Father stated that the school board should become very familiar with the mission and philosophy and it should be discussed often. He noted the school board needs to be better promoted. Father welcomed our 2008-2009 school president, Jill Struempf.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Cassmeyer provided tentative 2008-2009 budget handouts. She is working with Mrs. Struempf to facilitate a smooth transition for the next budget season. The numbers represent 92% of the public school teacher salary with a starting teacher salary of \$30,033.00. The finance committee will meet toward the end of April and a final budget will be approved in June. Mrs. Cassmeyer reported that, as of yet, there are no teacher openings. Teacher contracts are due April 15. Mrs. Cassmeyer and Mrs. Struempf are also working on the 2008-2009 school calendar. The assistant principal position is listed on the Diocesan website; teacher positions (if necessary) will also be posted on the website. There will be no school on 4/18/08 for a teacher retreat. Mrs. Cassmeyer reminded us of the upcoming fundraisers for Mark Hatcher, son of librarian Charlene Connor. The school carnival will be 4/26/08; the school musical/band concert on 5/4/08; the talent show on 5/12/08; and 8th grade graduation on 5/18/08.

Finance Committee:

We discussed 2008-2009's tentative budget. A 2008-2009 fee structure handout was provided. Registration will be \$35 per family with sustaining fees for the 1st child @ \$465; 2nd child @ \$415; 3rd child @ \$255; \$0 for 4th child. The lunch fee will be raised to a tentative price of \$40 – this increase will offset the increase in food prices as well as the increase in trucking due to high gas prices.

Home & School Association:

Mr. Yanskey reported he is still looking for officers for the Home & School ballot. There are seven people listed on the school board ballot. The ballots should be sent home to parents soon.

Technology Committee:

Mrs. Struempf reported we have 3 new projects and 1 new airliner.

Publicity & Public Relations Committee:

No report.

Parish Council:

Mrs. Strand reported that the new organ is installed. The remainder of the Save-A-Lot building has been leased to Furniture for Less. Currently parish council is studying updating the parish's website.

Long-Range Planning:

Mrs. Struempf reported that the mission statement and philosophy have been finalized and are posted throughout the school. Father Ben will provide a presentation on Africa to the kids. Monday, August 18, 2008 will be the first day of the 2008-2009 school year.

Accountability Committee:

No report.

Other Business:

Members of the search committee for the assistant principal are: Jill Struempf, Chris are: Jill Struempf, Chris Yarnell, Jocelyn Strand, Paul Hanna, and Melissa Lorts. The deadline for resume submission is 4/18/08.

There being no further business, Mr. Yarnell adjourned the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting of the IC School Board is set for May 6, 2008.

Father Dolan, Pastor

Jennifer Cassmeyer, Principal

Rena Kuster, Secretary