

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2009

President Jocelyn Strand called the meeting to order. Heather Schrimpf opened with a scripture reading from Sunday's gospel and Father Pat led a discussion on the temptations of life and how they pull us away from God. Those in attendance were: Jill Kliethermes, Melissa Lorts, Jocelyn Strand, Mike Winter, Lori Kempker, Debbie Kolb, Janie Wyrick, Sheila Hirsch, Shari LePage, Father Pat, Jill Struempf, and Heather Schrimpf. Due to Jim Macy's temporary employment with the school, he will not be attending school board meetings to avoid a conflict of interest.

Approval of Minutes

Jocelyn Strand moved to approve the minutes, Melissa Lorts seconded. The January minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Struempf reported on the following:

- Catholic Schools Week went very well and the department chairs and administration are already reflecting on what they liked and looking for new ideas for next year. It was suggested that coffee and donuts be served after mass the day after the chili supper so that the entire parish can visit the art show.
- Mrs. Moore is recovering well and plans on returning the first part of April. Jim Macy is filling in during her absence. Mrs. Conner has returned part-time to the library.
- There will be a family fun night on Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in Kennedy Hall.
- The science fair will be held on February 23 for the 6th and 8th grades and during March for the 3rd through 5th grades.
- Mrs. Struempf and Schrimpf met with 4th and 5th grade students and parents in a continuation of the anti-bullying effort during January. Brett Newcomb will be at IC on February 23 for a presentation to both students and parents.
- IC Band students Olivia Bertels, Sarah Berendzen, and Weston Harris competed in the Central District Honor Bands. Weston earned 1st chair for tenor sax.
- The Corporal Works of Mercy—Give Drink to the Thirsty raised over \$3,000 for a well for Fr. Ben's village. During February the school will focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy—Clothe the Naked and have a coat, hat, and glove drive for the Salvation Army.
- The School Board was given the Policy for Reduction in Teaching Staff that Mrs. Struempf gave to the faculty. Three teachers have been informed that they would not be offered a contract for next year. Should other teachers leave the school, they would again be rehired. The finance committee will determine if additional staff need to be cut. One of the teachers will be moved to the pre-k program. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of other positions being cut besides those of teachers. Fr. Pat informed the Board that IC has the least amount of additional staff from any other parish and it would be very difficult to cut any of these positions.

Pre-K Program Update

Jill Kliethermes reported that there is a Pre-K meeting every Monday to continue to get this program going. There are 10 children already registered and they believe more will be coming. The committee is working on curriculum ideas right now and trying to get donations for all of the equipment and toys they will need. The cost will be \$97 per week or \$410 a month for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lunch will be an additional cost of \$25 per child.

Sports Survey

Jayne Wyrick gave copies of the sports survey that was sent out to all of the board members. There were 112 surveys returned from parents. The results were briefly discussed but further discussion will take place in March.

Uniforms

Mrs. Struempf asked if the School Board was interested in extending the patterned shirt policy for one more year on the request of a parent. The School Board declined to do so.

New Business

Jocelyn Strand brought the Boards attention to the advertising that the other parishes are doing in the newspaper for enrollment. Heather Schrimpf will look into the cost of this and whether it is feasible to do so.

It was announced that the Pendergast-Weyer Foundation Grant will provide a new networked typing program for the computer lab.

Father Pat closed with a prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Father Dolan, Pastor

Jill Struempf, Principal

Lori Kempker, Secretary