

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2009

President Jocelyn Strand called the meeting to order. Jill Kliethermes opened with a scripture reading from Sunday's gospel and Father Pat led a discussion on how we can step away from our adult responsibilities to renew ourselves and grow closer to God. Those in attendance were: Jill Kliethermes, Melissa Lorts, Jocelyn Strand, Mike Winter, Lori Kempker, Debbie Kolb, Janie Wyrick, Sheila Hirsch, Shari LePage, Jim Macy, Father Pat, Jill Struempf, and Heather Schrimpf.

#### Approval of Minutes

Melissa Lorts moved to approve the minutes, Jill Kliethermes seconded. The February minutes were approved.

#### Principal's Report

Mrs. Struempf reported on the following:

- Mrs. Moore is returning to school on March 9 and for the first time this year, all teachers and staff will be present.
- The science fair has been completed for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and the following students will be representing IC at the Diocesan Science Fair. The two 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams are Becky Thompson and Emma Verslues and Hillary Hentges and Rene Bosch. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team is Janie McCurren and Sydnee Kliethermes. The other best of show participants are 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parks Boeschen and Matt Anderson; 6<sup>th</sup> grade Alex Barton and Hale Hentges.
- Brett Newcomb came to IC on February 23 for a presentation to both students and parents on the issues of bullying. Both students and parents felt it was very valuable and some requested that he come every year.
- IC Band students Olivia Bertels, Sarah Berendzen, and Weston Harris competed in the Central District Honor Bands. Weston earned 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and he has reported that this project has begun in his village. During February the school focused on Clothe the Naked and many barrels of coats, hats, and gloves were donated to the Salvation Army. During March students will be raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients drive in honor of the Corporal Works of Mercy Visit the Sick. The school is also raising money for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart activity.
- For Lent the students are attending Stations of the Cross weekly; reading the morning prayer over the intercom, and on April 8<sup>th</sup> they will have a prayer service where the students will be washing the feet of each other. The students will also have the opportunity to attend a benediction and adoration of the Eucharist.

#### Long-Range Planning Committee

Mrs. Schrimpf reported that the Long-Range Planning committee will be looking at the school rules and discipline policy and will work to get a cohesive policy in place.

#### Financial Update

There are currently two full-time and five part-time staff in the cafeteria this year. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class leaving is larger than the kindergarten class coming in and due to the budget restraints there will be reductions in the part-time cafeteria staff for next year.

Three teachers have been notified that they will not receive contracts for next year and an additional teacher will be moved to the pre-K program. It is projected that the year will end with a 70-80 thousand dollar deficit.

#### Pre-K Program Update

Jill Kliethermes reported that in February letters were sent out to all the parish organizations for donations to get the pre-K program going. The K of C has already donated \$1,000. The club with the largest donation will get to put a plaque on the playground. Project Construct is the name of the curriculum they are looking into. The committee is planning to place crosses on a tree in church during Lent for parishioners to pick up and help purchase supplies for the new program. There are now 22 students enrolled with a waiting list. Discussion on the teachers training and how to finish supplying the program followed.

#### Athletic Committee

The athletic committee met recently and announced that they made \$5,000 on the Catholic Bowl. Janie Wyrick handed out a motion on athletic tryouts and a discussion followed. The amended motion was to hold tryouts for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball and basketball with the athletic committee to make policies and guidelines for how this will be carried out. The policies and guidelines will be reviewed at the April meeting.

The motion was made by Janie Wyrick and seconded by Jim Macy. A discussion was also held regarding academic eligibility.

#### New Business

A discussion was held on the current sustaining fees and whether they should be raised or not and what percentage of those fees need to be paid before a child can be enrolled. It was decided that 50% of those fees must be paid prior to school starting unless an alternative payment schedule has been made and approved by Father Pat or Mrs. Struempf.

Father Pat closed with a prayer.

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Father Dolan, Pastor

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Jill Struempf, Principal

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Lori Kempker, Secretary