

Immaculate Conception School Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024
St Ann's Room, IC Parish
5:30-6:30 pm

Attendees:

Heather Schrimpf, Lora Boessen, Jake Rodemann, Carla Brown, Fr. Matt, Danielle Juliette, Angela Branson,
Jennifer McBaine, Teresa Bullock
Absent: Tina Bernskoetter

Opening Prayer

- Fr. Matt called the meeting to order with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

- The November minutes were approved and signed with one minor change.

Pastor's Report

- He is conducting confessions with students twice a week as well as school visits once a week. He is looking forward to Catholic Schools Week.
- Letters will be sent soon to those families not following the stewardship way to include notification they will be required to pay tuition for their child(ren) for the school year 2024/25. The letter will strongly encourage families to come in line with the stewardship way, which includes donation of time and talent to school and church as well as tithing.

Principal's Report

- Heather reported 5th and 8th graders will be completing the ACRE testing in February. ACRE testing assists in evaluation of the religious program within the school. It is an online test, taking approximately an hour to complete.
- 3rd quarter, mid-term is quickly approaching. Optional conferences will be held on February 16.
- There are a few places remaining on a few weeks in the Summer Camp program.
- Catholic Schools Week will kick off with a student-led mass on January 28 at 9:00am, to include a parade of 'stars'. All are encouraged to attend. The week will showcase many different activities, ending with the Parent Luncheon on Friday, February 2.
- All parishioners will be receiving an email regarding stewardship renewal very soon.

Old Business

- Visioning Committee Update
 - Fr. Matt reported the architects are nearing completion of the master plan for the campus.
 - Architects are to present the conceptual plan in April, following Easter.
- Heather reported the 2024/25 school year will begin on August 15 rather than August 20, with a two-week break at Christmas.
- School Improvement Process – Jenni Lang is working on compiling all committee responses. She will send the electronic report to Heather. Heather plans to provide a copy of the report at the next meeting.
- Iowa Assessments – Heather would like to discuss results with teachers before further discussion with the council. This discussion will be tabled until the March meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

- Athletic
 - IC is hosting the CMPAL championships this year.
- Technology
 - Nothing to note.
- Home & School/Fundraising
 - Carla reported planning and preparation continues for the Spring Fling. A friendly reminder to ask relatives and friends to assist with donations.
- Wellness
 - Lora reported planning continues for the 5K.
 - The lunch audit will be conducted January 29 and 30, 2024.
- Long Range Planning
 - Nothing to note.

New Business

- Heather proposed adding a plaid skort option to the dress code beginning next school year. The plaid skort would be the same as the Helias uniform skort and remain optional. This skort option is available through SchoolBelles. Everyone was in favor.
- Advisory council elections – Danielle stated she sent an email to parents interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Council but has not received a response. Heather to follow up with an email to those parents.

Closed Session

- One item discussed during closed session.

Closing and Announcements

- Next meeting to be held on February 22, 2024.

Prayer and Adjournment

- Fr. Matt concluded the meeting in prayer. Meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Heather Schumacher
Teresa Bullock
Danielle Y. Gubietto