Immaculate Conception School
Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024
Conference Room, IC School
6:00-7:10 pm

Attendees:
Heather Schrimpf, Jake Rodemann, Carla Brown, Jennifer McBaine, Taylor Jones, Teresa Bullock and Angela Branson
Absent: Fr. Matt, Travis Reinsch, Lora Boessen

Opening Prayer
- Meeting was opened with collective prayer.

Approval of Minutes
- The October minutes were approved without change and signed.

Principal's Report
- Achievement testing results are in. Heather will present a slideshow during the January 2025 meeting.
- Heather reported she attended a diocesan wide discussion on computation. It has been determined computation is the low point for the diocese as a whole. All diocesan schools will focus on those pieces as well as vertical alignment. It has been proposed to set PD days for curriculum only work. Heather indicated she will work on establishing PD days next school year, possibly adding additional days.
- Heather reported there was discussion with Kathryn Coulson, curriculum director regarding mathematics for K-5 grades. Kathryn discussed samples of a program being used by public schools, example is Eureka Squared.
- IC Summer Camp – enrollment for IC families is underway. Enrollment will be open to the public on January 8, 2025. Age limit will be capped at those entering 4th grade.
- Helias counselors visited today to talk with 8th graders. Heather also reported Helias has eliminated summer school.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 26 – February 1. Kick off mass is January 26 at 9am.
- School calendar – Helias is set to begin classes on August 13. IC School will begin classes on August 14. Heather is currently evaluating the school calendar to add additional PD days.
- Heather reported the diocese plans to implement an "Institutional Scholar Bowl" for 7th graders. Each school will send one student representative. The bowl is schedule for February 7, 2025. All 7th grade students will attend the day, located at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Fr. Clark will DJ. Heather indicated her plan to engage the 7th graders for interest.

Old Business
- Visioning/Capital Campaign Update
    - Heather reported 8 architects visited the school on Tuesday, December 10 to discuss plans for the new school. It will take up to a year to design plans. The architects plan to meet with the building committee, conduct a walk-around the campus.
    - Proposals are due by the end of January.
    - Fr. Matt will choose the interview process.
    - Care for Creation committee have been very involved with the campaign, to ensure there is adequate green space in the future school plans. They suggest a "large intensive pocket park" with native grass/trees/path. They are currently looking into Missouri Dept of Conservation grants.

Standing Committee Reports

- Athletic
- Technology
  - Hallow app – Mrs. Stevens is assisting students.
- Home & School/Fundraising
  - Carla reported planning continues for Spring Fling, including obtaining donations.
- Wellness
  - Extra lunch entrée with grades 6-8 is going well. Lora plans to discuss with Donna about offering the opportunity to 5th grade in January.

New Business

- Children's Liturgy (Sunday School) – Plans to discuss with Leah Pickering about offering this during Saturday evening mass at 5pm or at the 10:30 am Sunday mass. It was suggested to send out survey to gather interest/thoughts.

Closed Session

- No closed session.

Closing and Announcements

- Next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Prayer and Adjournment

- Meeting ended with prayer at 7:10 pm.