

Immaculate Conception School Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2025
Counseling Room, IC School
6:00-7:15 pm

Attendees:

Heather Schrimpf, Jake Rodemann, Carla Brown, Jennifer McBaine, Taylor Jones, Teresa Bullock and
Angela Branson, Lora Boessen, and Travis Reinsch

Absent: Fr. Matt

Opening Prayer

- Meeting was opened with collective prayer.

Approval of Minutes

- The December minutes were approved with a couple of grammatical changes. Heather will make changes then send to Jennifer and Teresa to sign.

Principal's Report

- Catholic Schools Week (CSW) begins Sunday, January 26 with 9 am mass. An open house to tour the school buildings will be offered to all parishioners following the mass. This will allow parishioners the opportunity to see the current state of the buildings/classrooms. Some Visioning Committee members as well as staff will be present to answer questions.
 - CSW activities agenda was sent home with students this week. Lots of activities offered each day.
- Several new students began following Christmas break.
 - 2 Pre-Schoolers, 1 Kindergartner, 1 fourth grade and 1 seventh grade student. One 1st grader left.
- Enrollment information was sent out for PK/K for the next school year. Open enrollment will begin mid-February. Currently, there are 33 potential Kindergartners.
- Summer Camp registration is open. There are no full-time positions open, only occasional weeks.
 - Capacity is 100 students.
 - Alternate pool days will be offered during the summer for better student management.
 - New director of the Summer Camp program is Jessica Wankum.
- One PreK teacher resigned. Amber Davis has been hired as replacement.

Old Business

- Visioning/Capital Campaign Update
 - Heather reported 5 firms submitted proposals. Visioning Committee will review and rate the proposals. Two interviews have been scheduled to date.
 - Heather has updated the school families spreadsheet for Advisory Council members to contact school families who have not yet submitted their pledge cards.

Standing Committee Reports

- Athletic
 - Heather is considering 'hiring' an assistant athletic director within current staff. More discussion in future.
 - Basketball season is underway.
- Technology
 - Nothing to note.

- Home & School/Fundraising
 - Carla reported planning continues for Spring Fling. Lots of gift cards and auction items have been donated.
 - Father/Daughter dance will be held on February 16, from 6:30-7:30pm.
- Wellness
 - Second lunch entrée will continue with grades 6-8.

New Business

- Iowa Assessments
 - Heather distributed a confidential copy of the Iowa Assessments for committee members to review. Due to multiple snow days during the first week of January, Heather has not been able to discuss with teachers as they are still reviewing. Heather will review these assessments with committee members during the February meeting.
 - Lora is further exploring the Eureka Squared program.
 - Heather is conducting a deeper dive into assessment results by each student group since 2019 rather than by grade level, to determine patterns.
 - Heather reported 19.5 out of 36 hours have been used for snow days to date.
 - Cee City deanery is currently in pastoral planning. Fr Matt has asked committee members to contemplate the School Advisory Council's plan within the pastoral plan. Heather asked the committee to formulate 3 goals to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Heather reported need to look at increasing fees in certain areas due to increase in minimum wage and supply costs.

Closed Session

- No closed session.

Closing and Announcements

- Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Prayer and Adjournment

- Meeting ended with prayer at 7:15 pm.

Heather Schreiner
Teresa Bullock

Jennifer McBaine