**Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2024 Garden Level, 7:00 pm**

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Steve
2. **Roll:** Kyle Doerr , Jolene Sasser, Teresa Dorshorst, Lee Rinella (a), Jessica Wachtel (a), Andrea Bodinet (a), Brandy Dohle, Barb Baum (a), Bill Gregozeski(a), Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette (a), Mark Verticchio, Fr. Steve, Mr. Gregson, Kara Dell-Hunt, Susie Funk (new), Justin Knobloch (new)
3. **Parents and Friends Report**:
   1. Last meeting of the year. Elected new officers.
      1. Jackie Weaver – President, outgoing Kim Seigel
      2. PR Rep – Jillian Holdener, outgoing Jolene Sasser
      3. Laura Oberfell – VP
      4. Danielle Schoen – Secretary
      5. Julie Dohm – Treasurer
   2. Passed adding an item to our budget. Pledged for the 3rd capital campaign of $125K, $75k of which will be donated in the first year.
   3. Successful teacher appreciation week & Give STL Day.
4. **Pastoral Council Report:** 
   1. Presentations from multiple organizations of the church. Discussed capital campaign. Looking for a Liturgist. May 5th was Welcoming Sunday, which was a success. Discussed cafeteria tables.
5. **Faculty Report**:
   1. Mrs. Billmeyer, Mrs. Murphy, and all the kindergartners have had a wonderful year. The students have learned letters and sounds, trick words, how to write sentences and to read. They have learned how to count, that teen numbers are a group of ten and extra ones, how to count by 5’s and 10’s, use tally marks, to add and subtract, how to sort, and to identify 2D and 3D shapes. They have learned the Sign of the Cross, the Angel of God and the Hail Mary. We used sign language to recite the Hail Mary at the May Crowning. We hatched 15 chicks, we went on a field trip to Suson Park, we made Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gifts, grew lima beans and sent them home for our home gardens, and prepared for graduation. Most importantly they learned to be respectful, to have good character, to persevere, and most importantly to be kind.
6. **Committee Reports:** 
   1. Teacher/Employee Committee: No report
   2. Community Engagement Committee: Focusing on the back to school party. May change it to before the Columbia Daze and have the students help decorate the float.
   3. Curriculum Committee: Tuesday and Wednesday (28th & 29th) teachers will be meeting and working on a curriculum for the upcoming year.
   4. Student Activities Committee: We had 11 people interested in the Athletic Committee. The “holy bowl” was used to pick the names and the first four pulled all accepted a spot. The Volleyball Coordinator spot was filled. We held our first meeting last night and should have the Handbook updated shortly. Registration for sports went out last week. Scheduling games for next year is underway. Diocesan Athletics Committee is being held tonight, May 21st
   5. Budget Committee: Only $600 in past due bills. No one owes book fees.

The 2024-2025 proposed school budget shows a reduction in parish support.

* 1. Discernment Committee: No report.
  2. Building/Grounds Committee: Most of the attention is on the capital campaign.
  3. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Gregson went over the “check list”. Spoke with Father about bringing back a few of the committee that was on the original committee to help review what items we have attained and those we have not.

1. **Principal’s Report:** 
   1. IDEAS Grant through Columbia School District for 29 new chromebooks.
   2. Mrs. Epplin was promoted to Administrator.
   3. Lori Deffenbaugh was hired as the new administrative assistant
   4. New 3rd grade teacher: Claire Doiro
   5. New 5th grade teacher: Trish Denton
   6. Looking to hire classroom aides.
   7. Looking to hire a new dishwasher for the cafeteria (4 hrs a day x 5 days a week)
   8. Monday Funday was May 20, bounce houses, ice cream compliments of Knights of Columbus
   9. New cleaning company for the school: Triple Shine (Julie Maul, parishioner))

| Class sizes for 2024-2025 |  |
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| Grade | Total |
| Preschool | 21 |
| PreK | 33 |
| Kindergarten | 42 |
| 1st grade | 46 |
| 2nd grade | 38 |
| 3rd grade | 47 |
| 4th grade | 40 |
| 5th grade | 37 |
| 6th grade | 30 |
| 7th grade | 42 |
| 8th grade | 29 |
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| Total | 405 |

1. **Pastor’s Report:**
   1. 8th grade Baccalaureate mass and graduation was wonderful.
2. **Old Business:** 
   1. ICS Class of 2020 Special Recognition: run through the halls on May 17

Due to Awards ceremony at Gibault, we had 9 of our previous 2020 members enjoy their delayed “Goodbyes” to ICS. They were able to chat with each other, meet up with Mrs. Epplin, spend time with previous teachers and make that final historic run through the halls. They were the first graduating class in our new school. Cake and additional greetings were enjoyed in the Garden Level.

1. **New Business:**
2. Election of 2024-2025 Officers. Election will occur via email/google Forms due to not have a quorum at this meeting to hold a vote.
   1. President
   2. Vice-President
   3. Secretary

**Closing Prayer:** Kyle Doerr