

School Committee Minutes
May 10, 2017
IHM East-West Room

Call to Order: Chair Angie Madden, at 6:36pm.

Attendance: Rick Artibee, Matt Crockett, Bill Drake, Kelli Hansen, Angela Johnston, Angie Madden, Danielle Martin, Mario Medina, Rob Schultz, Colette Scrimger, Mark Shulick, John Szarowicz, Jeff West, and Mary Margaret Utess.
Unable to attend: Michelle Corey, Cindy Franco, Lisa Galbraith, Kelly Johnston, and Nancy Murphy.

- ◆ Chair Angie Madden read the **opening prayer** and referenced our **Mission Statement**.
- ◆ **Self-Introductions** for all members in attendance (new, departing, and remaining), took place. Each member referenced which grade they had children in at IHM and at Lansing Catholic High School.
- ◆ The **April 12th Minutes** had been mailed earlier and Angie asked for any changes. There were none, and the minutes were approved by consent.
- ◆ **Athletic Advisory Council (Standing) Report** – Athletic Director Bill Devine was unavailable. Angie indicated soccer is not currently available at IHM, but that some of our students are playing that sport elsewhere in town. Baseball and softball are underway, and T-ball will come in during summer. Our Savior Lutheran has been accepted into the league; they have a very nice gym.
- ◆ **PTO (Standing) Report** – PTO met in advance of the School Committee meeting. Angela and Bill attended and learned of information about: the successful teacher appreciation luncheon on May 3rd and the nice Seder Meal on Holy Thursday; the upcoming Spirit activities on Field Day; the continued need for a new PTO Treasurer; and tentative plans for an all-school end-of-summer social event.
- ◆ **“Just Letting You Know”** – Angela reviewed her report to the School Committee for May and commented on several items that are included in that report.
 - Current Enrollment for next year is 174. All but five of this year’s families have re-enrolled, and there have been new families come in.
 - Class breakdown includes: K – 14; Gr.1 – 22; Gr.2 – 20; Gr.3 – 14; Gr.4 – 20; Gr.5 – 21; Gr.6 – 19; Gr.7 – 20; Gr.8 – 24.
 - Brighton District is searching for a teacher for our Drama classes. New legislation dictates the classes must take place during the regular school day, which complicates plans for the Middle School Play. Discussion centered around music director Ruthie Munk taking on that initiative (she did Drama at Resurrection) as part of her “Choir” class time. Ruthie has indicated she would need assistance in all things that are not musical or not related to drama.

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- John then asked whether a committed group of (sic) parents could be a support group for sets, costumes, lights-and-sound, etc. Angela said that would be possible if all members submitted to background checks, fingerprinting, Virtus training, etc. This matter is a huge work-in-progress.
 - Interviews continue to secure a new teacher to conduct Special Ed pull-out sessions and to also direct a Special Ed resource room.
 - Angela commented on the recent D.C. Grade-8 Trip. As in the past, it proved to be both inspirational and educational. She shared documentation from students' actual reflections of their many experiences during the week. She also the travel company that provided this year's trip was fine, but that a new travel company will be used for the future trips.
 - The successful Moby Max program will be in-place this summer and will continue into next year, as supported by a Diocesan grant.
 - Angela had made the review of her 2016-2017 Math and Reading SMART Goals available to the Committee. (She subsequently presented the new Math and Reading Goals for 2017-2018.) Those will be referenced throughout next school year.
 - Financial results of the Mary Goeddeke (tuition support) Game were provided. Final income surpassed last year's total, which has been the case for several years.
 - Angela noted the cancelation of the Golf Marathon, as only eight people had signed up. She reiterated the impact of this non-event has on the school budget. (Note the Budget Presentation at the February, 2017 Committee meeting) Under the new Diocesan budgetary guidelines (July 1, 2017), Athletics and many other school-and-parish entities will be directed by the parish business office. As a result, the loss of the \$7,000 in golf event revenue now comes directly out of the school budget. <Angela did relate that a donation from an anonymous parishioner will defray that loss for this one year.>
 - She clarified the last day of school for next year will be on June 6th.
- ◆ **Members Roundtable** – Several matters arose and were discussed.
- In response to questions about the article in the May 5, 2017 School Bulletin, about plans for next year, Angela led the Committee through a detailed discussion about those plans. She noted that even though Grade-5 will be physically moving to the South (sic, the "Middle School") building, the initiative is curriculum-driven and will not impact the many facets of a fifth grader's school life (still wearing their same uniforms, still attending birthday assemblies, etc.)
 - The team-teaching concept will still allow students the opportunity to "see" their favorite teachers on a regular basis, while they move from room-to-room for various classes.
 - Angela also confirmed that, yes, there will be a new Grade-7 teacher hired.
 - With departing Committee members completing four years of service, a question came about the term being three years vis-à-vis four years. Bill referred current members to the By-Laws (May, 2013) for an explanation. (Note that new members will be receiving more Committee-related information this summer.)
 - Colette asked whether the idea of a shared curriculum with Lansing Catholic High School (circa 2013) ever came to fruition. Angela and Mary Margaret related the various subject-teachers at LCHS who our school's teaching team interact with. (Some of our students also have prayer partners at LCHS.)

- **OLD BUSINESS** – The continued review of the School Improvement Plan 2017 will appear on the agenda at the end of this summer.
- **NEW BUSINESS** – Refer to Angela’s “*Just Letting You Know*” May report for more information.
 - **Review** of 2016 – 2017 Math and Reading *Smart Goals*
 - **2017 – 2018 Smart Goals** for Math and Reading
 - **Recognition of Angie Madden, Rob Schultz, Mark Shulick, John Szarowicz, and Cindy Franco** for their four years of service to the School Committee. All received Certificates of Appreciation. Thank You!
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** –
 - **Matt Crockett** will be the **Chair** of the School Committee beginning in August, 2017. Congratulations!
 - August 17th is the tentative date for the “**Meet The Teacher**” night.
 - Profit derived from the **2017 Goeddeke Benefit Game** was \$4,957.50!
 - From Angela: “*Thank you (to Committee members) for all of your time, advice, dedication and commitment to IHM-St. Casimir School students, staff and families. Please extend my appreciation to your families for sharing you with us. May God bless you all with a safe and relaxing summer.*”
- **Petitions and Closing Prayer** - Our group joined in the Hail Mary for Committee members Cindy Franco and Nancy Murphy, for Nancy’s mom; for Miranda Maher (appendix); for a successful school Enrollment initiative; for all our School Committee members and their families; for a restful summer; and for any other personal intentions.

ADJOURNMENT - Angie adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

<u>Next Meeting:</u>	Date:	Wednesday, August 9, 2017
	Location:	IHM East-West Room
	Time:	6:30pm
	Prayer:	All Pray the Opening Prayers
	Mission Statement:	Chair Matt Crockett

Future School Committee Meeting Dates Will be finalized in August.

Edited and Submitted by Bill Drake, Secretary to the School Committee

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