

**School Committee Minutes**  
**March 14, 2018**  
**IHM East-West Room**

**Call to Order:** Chair Matt Crockett, at 6:49 pm., following the combined meeting of School Committee, PTO, and the Marketing Group.

**Attendance:** Michelle Corey, Matt Crockett, Bill Drake, Lisa Galbraith, Kelli Hansen, Renee Hornby, Angela Johnston, Danielle Martin, Mario Medina, Patricia Smydra, Kizito Ssemakula, and Mary Margaret Utess.  
Unable to attend: Rick Artibee, Kelly Johnston, Colette Scrimger, all with notice.

- ◆ All joined in the **opening prayer** and Matt read our **Mission Statement**.
- ◆ **Pastor's Comments** – Father John Byers was unavailable.
- ◆ The **February 7th Minutes** had been mailed earlier and Matt asked for any changes. There were none, and Michelle moved to approve. The minutes were approved by consent.
- ◆ **Athletic Advisory Council (Standing) Report** – Athletic Director Bill Devine was unavailable. Members were again encouraged to refer to Bill's ongoing reports in the School Bulletin.
- ◆ **PTO (Standing) Report** – **PTO** met just prior to the combined meeting, and their agenda was brief. Plans are underway for Spirit activities in April and May, and also for the Seder meal in two weeks. All four current PTO officers are concluding their two-years of service to IHM, and president Anita Magaway encouraged all interested parents to come forward and consider a leadership role in the group.
- ◆ **“Just Letting You Know”** – Angela reviewed her report to the School Committee for March and commented on several items that were included in that report.
  - Concerning the 2018-19 **school budget**, she indicated it continues to be a work-in-progress. Several items arose during the last month (changes in Fringe Benefits, Personnel Services, etc.), so the forecast is still being revised.
  - Concerning the annual **School Survey**, Renee – who authored the document – provided further results garnered from the school's students. Again, the results were very encouraging and were similar to earlier responses from parents.
  - Work** on the School Committee **By-Laws** was tabled until April. Clarification of the name of our school was provided (see “Announcements” below), and that will allow for more meaningful efforts on updating the By-Laws. Bill will provide a draft of the proposed changes well before the April meeting.
  - A working copy of the proposed **Social Media** guidelines was not yet available from the Diocesan legal office.

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- **OLD BUSINESS** – A review-and-update of the School Committee By-Laws was on the agenda. As noted above, work will commence at the April meeting.
- **NEW BUSINESS** – There were no new items in this month’s agenda.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – **Angela** was able to finally inform the Committee of the **name of our school**, as it relates to updating the By-Laws and to many other things. The correct name from this time on will be **“Immaculate Heart of Mary School.”** The change reflects a request-for-change two years ago by the pastor of St. Casimir and the resultant approval by the Diocese of Lansing. Updates to the multitude of other things related to this change (uniforms, banners, forms, stationery, school website, mission statement, signage, etc.), will be a gradual process.  
Angela asked everyone to please send her their thoughts about specific items that will require changes. (Even duplicate suggestions will be welcomed!)
- **Petitions and Closing Prayer** - Our group joined in the Hail Mary for IHM Deacons Bill Fudge and John Cameron; for Michele Corey and Nancy Murphy; for Nancy’s mom; for the successful healing of the mom of grade-4’s Leland; for a successful returning enrollment at our school; for guidance on our school’s marketing initiative; for ‘world peace’; for member Kizito Ssemakula on the birth of his new son; and for all other personal intentions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

<b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 11, 2018</b>
	<b>Location:</b>	<b>IHM East-West Room</b>
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
	<b>Prayer:</b>	<b>All Pray the Opening Prayers</b>
	<b>Mission Statement:</b>	<b>Chair Matt Crockett</b>

**Future School Committee Meeting Dates:** (All Dates Are Subject To Change)

**May 9**

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

*“Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School challenges students to discover God’s gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.”*