

School Committee Minutes
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish School
May 8, 2019
East-West Room

Call to Order: Chair Matt Crockett, at 6:37 pm.

Attendance of current members: Matt Crockett, Bill Drake, Jorge Ismael, Danielle Martin, Rose McBrearty, Francisco Romero, Colette Scrimger, Mary Margaret Utess, and Patrick Weber.

Not in attendance: Fr. John Byers, Mario Medina*, Michelle Corey, Kelly Johnston, and **new members** Natalie Molnar and Bob Thomas, all with notice, and Lisa Galbraith who alternates with Rose McBrearty.

- ◆ Everyone read the **opening verse-and-prayer**, and Matt read our **Mission Statement**.
- ◆ **Pastor's Comments** – Father John was on vacation.
- ◆ **Introduction of all Committee Members-** New Members who introduced themselves included **Jessica Escobedo-Emmons, Dave Gutierrez, Casie Medina***, and staff team rep **Hilary Pratt**. (As noted above, **new members Natalie Molnar and Bob Thomas** were unable to attend.) **All current members** in attendance introduced themselves.
- ◆ **Introduction of Guests - Andrea Stiles** (K-class) and **Sarah Michaels** (K-Class) attended the meeting.
- ◆ The **March 13th** and the **April 10th Minutes** had been Emailed last week. After being reviewed by Committee members, Danielle moved for approval. Both sets of Minutes were approved by consent.
- ◆ **Athletic Advisory Council (Standing) Report** – Patrick met recently with Athletic Director **Bill Devine**, and Bill indicated his intent to **resign his position** in time to winter in Arizona with his wife. In true Devine-fashion, he and Patrick continued on to thoroughly discuss all aspects of our Athletic Program. Bill will continue to be a presence at IHM while decisions are being made about replacement staffing, program management, booking-and-reservation procedures for the new Gym, team sign-up, practice-and-game scheduling, uniforms, Athletic Handbook, fund-raising, league membership and participation, etc.
- ◆ **PTO (Standing) Report** – PTO met just prior to the Committee meeting. There was discussion of: Grade-4's presentation of a future all-school Recycling Program; an upcoming Literary Spirit Week; final Boxtop collection competition and Book Fair for this year; review of the Seder Meal and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; classroom reports from Mrs. Evans; a recap of the Mary Goeddeke Game; and a planning discussion of Field Day and for Grade-8 Graduation. (PTO Minutes can be found on-line at the school webpage.)

- ◆ **“Eagle Report”** – Patrick highlighted his report and provided information aside what was in the report: **** NWEA Testing** began on April 15 and concludes May 15th. Thanks to everyone for their efforts and support. **** Updated Enrollment number (May 8th) is 155, with three more students in the next week. **** Re: “Meeting with Theresa Edwards.” She is the Diocesan Curriculum Director, and they will discuss ATLAS and also Social Studies standards.

- **Members’ Roundtable** – Comments and input which took place during the meeting appear in no particular order.
 - There were questions about summer programs associated with Title monies available for program supplies, etc. Patrick indicated the math-and-reading program will be offered June 11-to-13 and then again following Vacation Bible School. The program can be opened to students in Lansing and communities adjacent to the greater Lansing area (e.g., Mason, Holt, Grand Ledge, etc.) IF at least one student is initially enrolled from that town. More information will be made available. (Danielle recalled a late-summer program her nephew was involved in last summer (Texas) that is essentially a ‘math and reading summer camp.’ It was a pay-to-participate two-week session, and it was geared to make learning fun while getting the participants’ minds back-in-gear for the coming school year. But given the change of administrators last year, the suggestion was not researched any further.)
 - On a question about the timing of Title monies being used during the early summer, it was pointed out the dates coincide with the fiscal year.
 - In the matter of the Committee reviewing the Student Handbook, Colette advised (sic) that we remain true to who we are. Gathering input from other schools (St. Girard, St. Thomas, Detroit Catholic Central, etc.), is fine, but the socio-economic climate at IHM is different from most other venues.
 - About the Handbook, several people asked about ‘uniforms’, and specifically about “shoes”. A reminder about style, color, etc., will be published before the end of the year (and the summer buying season.)
 - There was a reminder made, concerning Athletics, that the new sports Administration must possess an IHM Email address to ensure ease-of-contact.
 - There was a feeling the program should be run by ONE person, with a possible assistant, and then ‘supervising coaches’ for each sport. That is meant to avoid the presence of partiality-of-players in the distant past. (Colette said she might still have an original Athletics Handbook to reference program structure.)
 - A guest at this meeting asked for clarification of protocol related to these meetings being open to parents and whether they can be an arena for comments by visitors. The inquiry was answered by experienced Committee members.

- **New Business** – Patrick presented **Certificates of Appreciation to Rick Artibee, Michelle Corey, Kelly Johnston, Mario Medina, and Lisa Galbraith (all in abstentia), and personally to Rose McBrearty and Colette Scrimger** for years of service to the School Committee by everyone.

- **Announcements –**
 - ***Casie Medina** was appointed to fill the remaining two years of **Mario Medina’s** position on the Committee. Both their commitments are appreciated.
 - **Danielle Martin** has been appointed to the **Committee Chair** position for the 2019 – 2020 year. Bill will meet with her for a position-orientation.
 - **Matt Crockett** has been appointed to complete the two-year vacancy of Rick Artibee’s seat. Matt will serve as the **Chair Pro-Tem** on the Committee.
 - Bill will publish the updated **Committee Member Roster** by the end of the school year.
 - He will also arrange an **Orientation** meeting for **all new members** to the convenience of all involved.
 - Progress on **the Gym** continues. The anticipated opening time period is now September, in light of all the weather delays and the need to relocate a rogue gas line that was not in evidence on field blueprints.

- **Petitions and Closing Prayer -** Our group joined in the Hail Mary once again for Karen Hicks and her family; for member Michelle Corey; for Nancy Murphy and for Nancy’s mom; for continued progress on the Gym construction; for continued success with Enrollment; for peace and tranquility for our School families and the Teaching Team; and for all other special intentions, including on-going illnesses, tests, procedures, and the loss of the Committee family members and associates.

ADJOURNMENT – Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

<u>Next Meeting:</u>	Tentative Date:	August 14, 2019 <u>(Subject to change)</u>
	Location:	IHM East-West Room
	Time:	6:30pm
	Prayer:	All Pray the Opening Prayers
	Mission Statement:	Chair Danielle Martin

Future School Committee Meeting Dates - Established prior to the August Meeting.

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

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