Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting Minutes August 6, 2025

Members Present:

Ashley Litzelfelner, President Robert Holzum, Vice President Casey Brunke, Secretary Barbie Gibbs, Board Member Alex Graves, Board Member Kelli Guyot, Board Member Amanda Holzum, H&S President Michele Campbell, Principal Fr. Randy Tochtrop, Pastor

School Board Training

Mrs. Campbell gave a quick school board training to the group – Catholic School Board Members-Qualities and Expectations.

Principal's Report (Ms. Campbell):

- 2025-2026 school year enrollment: 37 students in Pre-K, 148 students K-8. Enrollment is up from last year. There will be two Kindergarten classes for the 25-26 school year. Mrs. Christina Duby was hired as the second Kindergarten teacher.
- School Faculty is doing CPR training next week and holding a staff meeting on Wednesday.
- Parent Meeting is August 18, 2025 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.
- Open House is August 19, 2025 from 5:00pm 6:30pm.
- The school got 43 new computers for teachers and the computer lab and 24 new iPads for the K-2 hallway.
 - o EDIT update on enrollment: 36 in PreK and 144 in K-8

Committee Reports:

- Athletic Committee (Ms. Brunke) IC will have two girls volleyball teams this year. An A team (7th & 8th graders) and a C team (5th and 6th graders). St. Sebastian is officially a MSHSAA member and the cross country team will begin practice on August 18th. There are five kids from IC running cross country for the team with a total of 27 kids running from all the Catholic schools. IC is looking to add girls cheerleading back this year. It was decided to wait on the gym floor until next summer to make sure the roof is good. It was also decided to switch to Pepsi products in the concession stand. Pepsi is supplying us with two new drink coolers.
- Christian Service (Ms. Campbell) No report.
- Home and School (Ms. Holzum) H&S will give school spirit items to 24 new families and IC yard signs will be given to all families. H&S took over the mentoring program, pairing new IC families with current IC families. H&S will hold two meetings throughout the year instead of four. H&S funded the new covering for the gym floor and iPads for classroom use. H&S will provide hotdogs, chips, and water at the Open House on August 19th.
- Marketing Committee (Ms. Gibbs) Trying to locate Eagles mascot uniform.
- Parish Council (Mr. Holzum) Next Parish Council meeting is August 20, 2025.

Old Business:

- The gym roof did not leak this summer after caulking it before the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 22 IC families qualified for the MO Scholars program each receiving \$6,375 per student.

New Business:

None.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Tochtrop):

- November 24, 2025 will be First Confessions. First Communion will be April 19, 2026. Working on scheduling first parent meeting for these sacraments.
- The current church will be torn down the weekend after school lets out in May 2026. Masses will be held in the cafeteria until
 the new church is ready. It is anticipated to be in the new church November 2026. Evaluating locations for Parish offices during
 the new church construction.
- Gave update on church construction. An organ for the new church was found from a church in Illinois. The stained glass windows and Stations of the Cross are being restored. An October 2025 fund drive for the new church is planned.
- Parish Picnic will be August 24, 2025.

Next Meeting Date:

The next IC School Board meeting will be September 3, 2025 at 6pm.

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Principal's Report (Ms. Campbell):

- 2025-2026 school year enrollment: 36 students in Pre-K, 144 students in K-8.
- The Board was updated on safety drills/training for staff and teachers. On September 9th, Mrs. Campbell will attend an online webinar with Homeland Security regarding Religious Observance Safety. Josh Crowell with the Cape Girardeau Public School District is scheduled to provide ALICE and school safety training on September 26th. The Jackson Police Department walked through the building today and will make suggestions for safety. The Jackson Fire Department will come in October for a Fire Drill and another one in the Spring. Earthquake drills are held once a semester.
- Mr. Starke has been observing school drop off and Mass premises. Discussed starting a Guardian Angels program for Fathers/Grandfathers.

Committee Reports:

- Athletic Committee (Ms. Graves) Gauging interest in boys basketball and girls cheerleading. Found a pipe that was leaking
 in the gym ceiling and fixed it. Hoping to refinish the gym floor next year. Cross country and girls volleyball are practicing.
 First cross country meet is September 9th. Girls volleyball first game is September 8th.
- Christian Service (Ms. Campbell) Current 8th graders are completing graduation service hours. 7th graders started working
 on their service hours. Many service hours were accrued over the summer months. Our students generously give of their
 time and talent.
- Marketing Committee (Ms. Guyot) Social media is going well. Have approximately 1,000 social media followers. Created
 game day graphics for girls volleyball. Discussed digital billboard sign costs with DSW. Will do one page insert in bulletin in
 conjunction with school board minutes.
- Parish Council (Ms. Gibbs) OCIA is starting. Discussed Parish Picnic and received report on new church construction.
- Home and School (Ms. Holzum) Mouse Races fundraiser is September 5th. First Home and School meeting is September 15th. Dairy Queen restaurant night is September 16th. Hoping for more Spring Fling sponsors this year. An email will be going out to all families asking for business connections. Back to School Night was a great success! Parent Meeting also went very well. Received good feedback on how organized everything was and it was nice to have the stations explaining volunteer opportunities, etc.

Old Business:

The Parent Meeting went really well and the Back to School Night was very well attended.

New Business:

- Discussed how Jackson School District prepares for emergencies. Jackson does a Drill Bag "back pack" with essential items
 for the teacher to take in any event and a binder with student rosters, maps, what to do, etc. Everyone also has an assigned
 job in an emergency.
- Discussed Mass safety protocol ideas and potentially placing mesh on the playground fence for student privacy/safety. Will do more research on the mesh.
- Discussed Catholic formation for families and Catholic resources for parents/children to engage with at home because parents
 are the first educators.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Tochtrop):

- Second Grade Parent meeting for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be September 4th in the Fellowship Room.
- Third graders are doing server training.
- November 24, 2025 will be First Reconciliation.
- First Communion retreat/practice will be April 12th and First Communion will be April 19, 2026.
- Father heard student confessions last week and teaches religion at school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Next Meeting Date:

The next IC School Board meeting will be October 1, 2025 at 6;30pm.



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