

IHM School Commission Meeting Minutes



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Grade School
Indianapolis, Indiana

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Harkness Parish Council

Sept 10, 2024
BOSCO CENTER
5:30 pm

IHM Mission Statement - *Immaculate Heart of Mary School provides an exceptional academic experience grounded in making God known, loved, and served.*

Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, we have come together in Your name to work for the good of our school, Immaculate Heart of Mary. Surround us with Your invisible presence and pour Your spirit upon us. Make us use Your gifts in a spirit of trust, love and understanding, so that the children of IHM may experience an abundance of light, compassion, and peace. Let harmony reign among us, and let us keep our eyes ever fixed upon You. Amen.*

1. Opening Prayer

2. Old Business - Approval of Minutes from August Meeting *Approved*

3. New Business

a. Administrator Report – Chris Kolakovich/Kyle Burkholder

- Current/Upcoming Events *Coffee with the principal this Thursday*
Grandparents day 9/20
School Pictures 9/24
Buddy Mass 9/27
Blessing of Animals October 3
New Mass time going well
 - Enrollment *431 Students*
25/26 enrollment: 63 applications for Kindergarten (49 are parishioners, 19 are siblings)
A google form has been sent for reporting of parish activity. This will be streamlined within the application for 26/27.
Increased interest in middle school grades.
 - Open House *October 9 9-11AM Could use a SC member if available.*
- Staffing.
Part time teaching aides have been filled. Still need a full time kindergarten aide.
Searching for a social worker via Catholic Charities.

b. School Commission Items

- Spirit of IHM Flo Barnes *Mainly a celebration of discipleship, fundraising is largely tertiary. Will be jointly organized by Athletic Commission, Parish Council and School*

Commision. Each award winner can designate a fund at IHM for donations. Flo and David will head up the SC end with support from each SC member.

- Strategic Plan Goal Presentations
 - Community - Gabrielle Neal and Sarah Sullivan *Overall an area of strength, would like to bolster support for families needing financial assistance.*
 - Catholic Identity - David Gilley and Matt Lord *Also an area of strength, woven into the daily function of the school. Ensure we continue and highlight the function and purpose of school outreach. Need to clarify "social justice". Ensure we communicate that we are referring to the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.*
 - Communication - Flo Barnes and Ben Nicol *Brainstorming to streamline communication. Develop an exit interview process for families that have chosen to leave.*
 - Academic Excellence - Kris Kolakovich and Kyle Burkholder *Middle school novel groups for language arts differentiation. Third quarter electives for the upper grades.*
 - Financial Transparency - Frank Otte (Oct meeting)
 - Competitive Compensation - Laura Heape and Jenn Herrmann *Join with Financial transparency (October meeting)*

4. Committee Reports

- a. PTO – Emily Johnson / Angie Puthoff *After School Enrichment has started. 412/431 students have participated in hot lunch. DC trip fundraising notification shared with larger community as costs are supported by the same.*
- b. Finance Report – Jean Patterson *None*
- c. Parish Council – Flo Barnes
- d. Facilities – David Gilley *None*