

# 2014-2015 Immaculate Conception School Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 21, 2014

**Time:** 1900 hrs.

**Location:** School Library

**Attendees:** Ricard, Luzynski, Darga, Mackenzie, Morrison, McClure

**Absent:** Fr. Joe, Tripicchio, Gilewski

**Minutes:** Darga

**Discussion** – Grants and their “attention getting” adjectives & verbs that we are striving for were discussed when applying for monies.

Technology - rent computers for 2-3 years, computer lab has 14 computers now, would like 28 (remove middle tables), 10 new ones for teachers also.

Drop ceiling – for school & lighting (DTE has a 10-11 pg. application) DTE would visit and perform a power assessment.

Bathroom stalls - \$15, 000 refurb., resin walls.

Playground set – voting, and several grants available depending on size wanted.

Cafeteria – 12 seaters, 3 discs (\$1400 each)

Walkie Talkies – for communication on safety issues that may arise during the school day.

Windows – energy efficient, double pane & tinted.

AOD Grant - \$10,000 - \$7,000 for carpet, drinking fountain and other items we need.

Finally to wrap up the grant discussion we discussed such entities, groups, individuals that offer their monetary assistance, Bill Gates Foundation & Tom Monaghan that are recognizable Catholic donors.

*Due to the length of discussion on grants, the following was not discussed in relation to grant funds.*

Garden – Students could receive volunteer hours for cultivating this and possible the grounds surrounding the school, church, etc. (if I remember correctly, Fr. Joe would be consulted on this matter).

Signs – This is a subject that has been part of great discussion over the last 18 months. Discussion centered on the marquee sign along M-29 and its visibility, a digital marquee sign would be most desirable but cost has not been investigated. We also discussed the possibility of affixing a fabricated metal “IC logo” sign to the south facing gym wall with lights to adorn it at night.

Marketing – Algonac schools appear to be in turmoil for a year round plan, we discussed marketing to increase enrollment at IC. We also discussed having the students pass out information after mass to share what they are learning, not only to our generous parishioners, but to area Families that may be contemplating attending IC School. (it was suggested that the students be dressed in their school uniforms in Church and when sharing what they have learned in school)

Door buzzer (west facing door at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade rooms) – Principal Ricard shared his concern and idea to place a buzzer at this door for recess purposes, travel from church, business office, etc.

Meeting adjourned @ 2035hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

F. Darga Jr.