

**Joint Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2010**

In attendance:

Pastor: Fr. James Brinkman

School Principal: Mari Zarcone Patterson

Staff: Kim Palmer

Trustee: Dave Crosby, Dave Nelson

Immaculate Conception's Council of Ministries: Tanya Weinzierl, Eric Crandall, Monica Rominski, Laura Rebhan, Connie Crosby, Jim Tilly, Chery Stephens

Immaculate Conception's Finance Council: Alan Lingen, Dean Mergen

St. Patricks' Finance Council: Dennis Mitchell

Viability Study Committee: Chad Denucci, Rick Prokash

Arlene Tenner presented summary information about the St. Mary's School Viability Profile Study. It included a brief review of the viability profile packet, outline of the committee's timeline, triangle of three pillars of school as formulated by the viability study committee, assumptions and financials of the base option, summary of seven other options reviewed, summary with assumptions and financials for several options, the committee's recommendation, and the future timeline.

The study was completed October 2009 through January 2010. The committee developed a triangle of the three key components of the school: Catholic identity, academic excellence, and stability which includes financial viability and interactive social climate. These were kept in mind as the foundation for all options considered for the school's future.

After consideration to the current academic grade structure remaining and exploration of seven other options, the viability study committee recommended staying with the current Pre-School through Eighth Grade class structure.

The following motions were made:

"Motion to accept the profile's presentation of the viability study as presented to the Council of Ministries for St. Mary's School." Motion accepted.

"Motion to accept the profile's presentation of the viability study as presented to the Finance Council of Immaculate Conception and council representative of St. Patrick's Parish for St. Mary's School." Motion accepted.

"The Viability Profile Study Committee respectfully recommends the base option to continue to operate the same as today, a preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school." Motion accepted by Council of Ministries. Motion accepted by Finance Council of Immaculate Conception and council representative of St. Patrick's Parish.

It was acknowledged that the viability study committee will complete an action plan for recommendation to the school and parish staff and to the school parent leadership that supports and supplements the profile study.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Tenner