


<b>Purpose: Ascension School Board</b>	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: January 16, 2018	

The **Vision** of the Ascension staff is to foster a Catholic community that models Jesus' teaching at home, school and in our community. We strive to ensure an academic program of excellence, which challenges each student to achieve his/her maximum potential. Our goal is to expand student involvement in global issues, technology, foreign language, and cultural programs.

<b>Living Faith</b>	We achieve through sustained prayer and faith-filled interaction with each other that marks us as Ascension.
<b>Embracing Community</b>	We achieve through active participation in service to our parish, neighborhood, metro areas and global community.
<b>Encouraging Opportunity</b>	We achieve through activities, whether in traditional or community classroom, to enhance ways in which students learn so they can continue to be life-long learners.
<b>Respecting Giftedness</b>	We achieve by providing a level of instruction to challenge students to extend beyond the basics to maximize their potential in their areas of strength.
<b>Celebrating Excellence</b>	We achieve through recognition of student accomplishments and alumni that say, "Well done!"

In Attendance: Terry Mullaney, Sean Murphy, Kristin Jansen, Helen Walter, Cheryl DelVisco, Stacie Hartlage, Mary Peckenpaugh, Jenni Gohmann, Lynn Thompson, Jason Steurer, Matt Henson

	Topic	Presenter	Discussion, Assignment and Responsibilities	Follow-Up
	Approval of Minutes	Sean Murphy	Via email	
<b>Living Faith</b>	Opening Prayer	Sean Murphy	Prayer led by Sean Murphy	

<p><b>Encouraging Opportunity</b></p>	<p>Open House</p>	<p>Terry Mullaney Helen Walter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018</li> <li>• 8 AM – 6 PM</li> <li>• Signs will be placed around community</li> <li>• Promo video will be created</li> <li>• Board members will attend as available</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Embracing Community</b></p>	<p>Building Bridges Between School and Church: How to Increase School Family Attendance at Weekend Masses</p>	<p>Sean Murphy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed this concern occurring across the Archdiocese</li> <li>• Ascension's successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sandwich Sunday</li> <li>○ Monthly Preschool Mass</li> <li>○ Breakfast with Santa</li> <li>○ Easter Egg Hunt</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<b>Celebrating Excellence</b>	Miscellaneous	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed positive feedback from departmentalization</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip</li> <li>• Discussed increase in service projects</li> </ul>	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	<b>Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 @ 6:00 PM</b>	

**Mission:** As a vital ministry of the Church of the Ascension, our school's mission is to recognize the uniqueness of all students in a caring, disciplined environment that exemplifies Christ's command to serve one another. Ascension School fosters excellence in academics and promotes spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth of the whole child.

The faculty, supported by the parish staff, School Board, and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), recognizes that students must be prepared to meet challenges of an ever-changing world and to live cooperatively as critical thinkers and problem solvers in a global society. Love of GOD, human dignity, justice, ecumenism, service to others, stewardship, and excellence are among the values lived.