


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: November 15, 2017	

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.

Living Faith	We achieve through sustained prayer and faith-filled interaction with each other that marks us as Ascension.
Embracing Community	We achieve through active participation in service to our parish, neighborhood, metro areas and global community.
Encouraging Opportunity	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.
Respecting Giftedness	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.
Celebrating Excellence	We achieve through recognition of student accomplishments and alumni that say, "Well done!"

In Attendance: Terry Mullaney, Sean Murphy, Kristin Jansen, Cheryl DelVisco, Stacie Hartlage, Mary Peckenpaugh, Jenni Gohmann, Lynn Thompson, Emily Brown, Jason Lewis, Jason Steurer

	Topic	Presenter	Discussion, Assignment and Responsibilities	Follow-Up
	Approval of Minutes	Sean Murphy	Via email	

Living Faith	Opening Prayer	Sean Murphy	Prayer led by Sean Murphy	
Encouraging Opportunity	Carpool Lanes & Traffic Direction	Jason Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisited current policy for carpool: morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up; traffic direction; supervision of students • Discussed: use of signs to label buildings on campus, paint on pavement and change in direction of traffic to ensure safety during carpool drop-off and pick-up 	
	Open House	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 • 9 AM – 6 PM • During Catholic Schools week 	
Celebrating Excellence	Accreditation Report	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation is awarded by AdvancED Accreditation Commission • External review team visited Ascension on November 15th • Consisted of interviews of various stakeholders, classroom 	

	Report Cards, Awards Ceremony	Terry Mullaney	<p>observations and review of documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External review team examined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student performance results ○ Instructional quality ○ Learner & family engagement ○ Curriculum quality & efficacy ○ College & career readiness • Reported findings revealed Ascension exceeded national average in ALL categories • Final, detailed report to follow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading period ended November 10th • Report cards distributed November 16th • Award Ceremony following Mass November 17th 	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 @ 6:00 PM	

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.