


<b>Purpose: Ascension School Board</b>	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: September 20, 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.

<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, Carl Herde (Pastoral Council Chair), Helen Walter, Kristin Jansen, Stacie Hartlage, Jason Lewis, Matt Henson, Mary Peckenpaugh, Jenni Gohman, Lynn Thompson, Emily Brown, Jason Steurer

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



	Service Opportunities	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed continued hospitality and Mass celebrations by grade, group, etc.</li><li>• Discussed incorporating service opportunities into Mass</li><li>• Current school Mass day and weekend Mass times are difficult for some families<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Families may attend mass at other Churches due to scheduling</li></ul></li><li>• A change in school Mass day and weekend Mass times may increase weekend Mass attendance</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed current and upcoming service opportunities and requirements for students</li><li>• Teachers are working in conjunction with Mrs. Herriott and Rosemary Cavanaugh regarding many service ideas</li></ul>	
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	Safe Environmental Training	Lynn Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggestion: Request Safe Environmental Training class be offered at Ascension</li><li>• Entire community would be invited to attend</li><li>• Could serve as a way to encourage involvement of all community members in volunteer roles at school events</li></ul>	Mr. Mullaney to contact Martine Seigel with Archdiocese of Louisville
	Responsible Use of Social Media	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed acceptable use policy and responsible use of social media among Ascension community</li><li>• Mr. Mullaney continues culture of open-door policy</li><li>• School board will encourage and support responsible use of social media</li><li>• Student-led technology classes for parents to be held throughout year addressing social media have been created</li></ul>	

<b>Encouraging Opportunity</b>	Open House	Helen Walter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM</li> <li>• Helen is coordinating community signs, display and refreshments</li> <li>• Signs will be placed in community on October 17th by board members</li> <li>• Board members will attend Open House as available</li> </ul>	
	Vacation Policy Amendment in Handbook	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mullaney sought out feedback from school board regarding proposed vacation policy change</li> <li>• Revised policy sent to all school families via email on September 15, 2017</li> </ul>	
	Lunch/Cafeteria Manager	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Williams will begin as Cafeteria Manager effective September 21, 2017</li> <li>• Positive feedback received regarding new lunch program</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taste Test Tuesdays will continue</li> <li>• Lunch Committee will continue to meet monthly</li> </ul>	
<b>Celebrating Excellence</b>	Accreditation Visit	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, November 15, 2017</li> <li>• Will consist of classroom observations and interviews with Fr. Steven, students, staff and school board members</li> </ul>	
	Marketing/Social Media	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TalGrace Marketing &amp; Media will manage Ascension's social media market including rebuilding Ascension website</li> </ul>	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	<b>Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:00 PM in library</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.