


<b>Purpose: Ascension School Board</b>	President: Amy Gross	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: February 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.

<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: Cheryl DeVisco, Amy Gross, Stacie Hartlage, Kristin Jansen, Jason Lewis, Terry Mullaney, Sean Murphy, Jason Steurer, Lynn Thompson

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

<p><b>Embracing Community</b></p>	<p>Salute To Catholic Schools Alumni Dinner</p> <p>Parish Community Development Position</p>	<p>Amy Gross</p> <p>Terry Mullaney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed attendees representing Ascension</li> <li>• Discussed potential creation of new position to connect school and community. Potential responsibilities including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alumni outreach</li> <li>○ Festival planning</li> <li>○ Fish Fries</li> <li>○ Trivia Night planning</li> <li>○ Social medial</li> <li>○ Concession stand mgmt</li> <li>○ Longhorn Lowdown</li> <li>○ Adult sports leagues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Encouraging Opportunity</b></p>	<p>2017-2018 Band</p> <p>Open House Follow-up</p>	<p>Amy Gross Terry Mullaney</p> <p>Terry Mullaney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specifics of band will be provided by Ms. Holly Smith</li> <li>• Successful open house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Several families registered that day</li> <li>○ Many families have scheduled tours, shadows</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	2017-2018 Lunch Program	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Table, a Catholic Charities program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meal planning</li> <li>○ Purchasing of food</li> <li>○ Preparation of higher quality, healthier food options</li> <li>○ Students will visit local farm(s) in conjunction with this program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Breakfast may be offered in 2017-2018</li> </ul>	
	Tuition Assistance	Terry Mullaney Kristin Jansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed tuition assistance opportunities for families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Catholic Education Foundation</li> <li>○ Potential changes coming with issuance of vouchers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Respecting Giftedness</b>	Teaching Positions & Practices	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed success and positive feedback regarding Science Lab</li> <li>• Discussed departmentalized teaching</li> </ul>	

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<b>Celebrating Excellence</b>	Ascension Folder and Brochure	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed and applauded new publications</li> </ul>	
	Next Meeting	Amy Gross	<b>Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 6:00 PM</b>	
<b>2017-2018 School Board Members</b>	<p><b>Returning Members:</b> Lindsay Ackerman-Denson, Cheryl DelVisco, Stacie Hartlage, Kristin Jansen, Jason Lewis, Sean Murphy, Jason Stuerer, Lynn Thompson, Helen Walter</p> <p><b>Rotating Off Board:</b> Amy Gross, Emilie Dolle</p>			

**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.