


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: April 18, 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.

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, Emily Brown, Stacie Hartlage, Jason Lewis, Matt Henson, Lynn Thompson, Jenni Gohman

	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	Enrollment Update	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed 2018-2019 enrollment and class sizes • Discussed upcoming scheduled shadows 	
	Faculty Update	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed teaching positions to be filled for 2018-2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning Coordinator ○ Middle School Language Arts ○ Spanish 	
	Review of Parent/Student Handbook	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board members asked to review current Parent/Student Handbook prior to May School Board meeting • Will revisit and discuss policies • Seeking board members' feedback and suggestions for changes, improvements, etc. 	

	Middle School	Emily Brown Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed potential handbook changes to be implemented in 2018-2019 • To allow for clear communication of student and parent expectations • To ensure positive partnership between students, parents and teachers 	
	School Communication	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisited positive feedback gathered during audit regarding communication at Ascension • Discussed many avenues of communication currently utilized • Discussed potential switch to a universal system to streamline communication • Discussed various software platforms including Schoology, eBackpack, etc. • Discussed benefits, costs 	

<p>Embracing Community</p>	<p>Building Bridges</p>	<p>Sean Murphy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed attendance at Sandwich Sunday • Discussed additional recurring events such as Sandwich Sunday to be scheduled during 2018-2019 school year • Discussed potential increase in service hours requirement and how that can be applied toward activities such as Sandwich Sunday • Discussed positive feedback received regarding food offered on <i>Taste Test Tuesdays</i> as related to countries the Rice Bowl Lent project serves 	
<p>Celebrating Excellence</p>	<p>Terra Nova Scores</p>	<p>Terry Mullaney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary results revealed 3rd, 5th and 7th grades scored very high on Terra Nova test • Remaining grades and student-specific scores to follow • Discussed Ascension's strengths in areas of project-based learning, technology, departmentalization 	

	Marketing	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed beginning application process for Blue Ribbon School of Excellence • Discussed new marketing video to be created to showcase excellence at Ascension • School board members encouraged to provide additional marketing suggestions 	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, May 16th, 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.