


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: August 1, 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, Helen Walter, Kristin Jansen, Stacie Hartlage, Mary Peckenpaugh, Greg Benner, Jenni Gohman, Natalie Ising, Juli Evers

	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	Introduction	Terry Mullaney All Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School board introductions • Discussed role of school board 	
	Enrollment	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed current enrollment • Increased enrollment over 2017-2018 school year • Ascension is one of few schools in region with increased enrollment each year 	
	Back-to-School Info	Terry Mullaney,	<p>Thursday, August 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5pm Camp & Meet the Teachers for 3's, JK, K • 5pm Parent Meeting for 3's, JK, K, 1st grades <p>Monday, August 13th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory parent meeting for 2nd-8th grades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5:30pm grades 2-5 ○ 6:30pm grades 3-8 <p>Wednesday, August 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st day of school • Revised Parent-Student Handbook in place 	

	<p>Back-to-School Mass & Dinner</p> <p>Open House</p>	<p>Terry Mullaney Sean Murphy</p> <p>Helen Walter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Handbook is forthcoming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purpose: to inform parents and students of expectations ○ Visuals will be posted around school • Discussed new faculty members and roles • Faculty will continue focus on PLCs, departmentization, collaborating, workshoping, critical thinking and deeper learning • Saturday, August 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00pm Mass • Dinner following in cafeteria • All families are welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New and returning • Tuesday, October 23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am-6pm 	
Embracing Community	Building Bridges	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed increase in parishioners participation in school activities and community functions during 	

			2018-2019 school year	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, August 22nd, 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.