


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: August 22, 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, Haley Jenks, Helen Walter, Stacie Hartlage, Jenni Gohmann, Natalie Ising, John Amback, Juli Evers, Matt Henson, Mary Peckenpaugh, Greg Benner

	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	
Embracing Community	Introduction	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced and welcomed John Amback to School Board • John has served as volunteer tutor for several years in area of math 	
	Back-to-School Dinner Recap	Sean Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful event • Will revisit in May • Possible transition to event following 10:30 Mass 	
	Building Bridges Between Church & School	Sean Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite parishioners with non-school families to volunteer in school • Suggestions: post in bulletin & host Safe Environment Training at Ascension to encourage participation • Suggestions to recognize Ascension graduates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlight “Class of the Past” ○ Summer Festival fundraiser for graduates 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revisited highlighting success of graduates: "Longhorn Legends" 	
Encouraging Opportunity	1 st Week of School Recap	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excellent start to school ● Discussed school supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vision is to move toward 21st century learning environment ○ Discussed community supplies vs. individual supplies ○ Discussed school kits vs. required lists 	
	Parent Portal & Website	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed change in communication method resulting from report that communication was coming from various avenues ● Purpose of Parent Portal: one place for parents to visit to obtain all information regarding school ● Parents encouraged to visit Parent Portal daily 	

	Making Learning Visible	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed parent concerns, discussed suggestions and improvements currently being implemented • Staff theme for 2018-2019 • Data-driven instruction • Differentiated instruction • Continued focus on PLCs 	
Celebrating Excellence	K-3 Principal's List	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff decision to discontinue Principal's List for grades K-3 • Principal's List, 1st & 2nd Honors will begin in 4th grade 	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, September 19th, 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.