


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Sean Murphy	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: August 7, 2019	

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, Fr. Adam Carrico, Sean Murphy, Helen Walter, Kristin Jansen, Stacie Hartlage, Mary Peckenpaugh, Greg Benner, John Amback, Rosemary Smith, Natalie Ising, Juli Evers

	Topic	Presenter	Discussion, Assignment and Responsibilities	Follow-Up
	Approval of Minutes	Sean Murphy	Via email	
Living Faith	Opening	Fr. Adam Carrico	Prayer led by Fr. Adam Carrico	

	Prayer			
Encouraging Opportunity	Introduction	All Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member introductions • Ms. Trinity Shell will serve as teacher representative • Discussed role of school board 	
	Back-to-School Updates	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School families received communication regarding updates • School Renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All classrooms now carpeted with exception of science labs ○ Classrooms, restrooms freshly painted ○ Hardwood floor installed in front office • Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased enrollment over 2018-2019 school year ○ Consistent with Mercy Academy study that was released in Spring 2019: Ascension is only school in Archdiocese with increased enrollment for five consecutive years • New Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed new faculty members 	

			<p>and expertise each will bring to Ascension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Café: Chef Mike Grimes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will obtain foods from local farmers & vendors○ Improved farm-to-table lunch program○ From-scratch menu items○ Parents & family members encouraged to eat lunch with students • MAP Testing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will replace Terra Nova○ Archdiocese-wide change○ Administered 3 times per year○ Given on iPads○ Results will drive instruction○ Will provide immediate feedback to teachers, allowing for adjustment of teaching strategies & focus on areas of strength & growth • Mindfulness<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Faculty attended 6-hour professional development○ Daily, 5-minute program will be implemented school-wide ○ Information & website will be shared with parents & can be utilized at home	
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	Back-to-School Mass & Donuts	Terry Mullaney Sean Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, August 25th, 2019 • Donuts & milk following 10:30am Mass • Faculty will be in attendance • All families encouraged to attend • Info to follow via email, newsletter & social media 	
Embracing Community	School Board Workshop	Sean Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, August 17, 2019 • 9:00am - 12:15pm at Pastoral Center 3940 Poplar Level Road • Helen Walter to attend 	
	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00pm in library	

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.