


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

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, Cheryl DelVisco, Stacie Hartlage, Matt Henson, Mary Peckenpaugh, Jenni Gohmann, Lynn Thompson, Emily Brown

	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	Open House	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, October 24th • 9am-6pm • Open House video went live October 18th • Items are being gathered to be displayed in gathering space • Helen Walter will be present in gathering space during day; other school board members will attend as available • School tours will be provided to prospective families by Mr. Mullaney or Ascension staff 	
	8 th Grade Trip	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th grade students will travel to Grand Canyon in spring 2018 • Discussed benefits of trip including: learning opportunity, experience, knowledge gained, length of 	

	Carpool Lanes & Traffic Direction	Terry Mullaney, Jason Lewis	stay for cost involved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed research in support of student travel, location of trips, fund-raising, costs, parent meetings, planning involved• Discussed current policy for carpool: morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up• Although small back-ups occur, current policy is effective overall• Back-ups may occur in part due to preschool children exiting car seats and other students who need assistance• Discussed possible change in student supervision assignments and drop-off location(s) to alleviate small back-ups and increase car flow through carpool lanes• Discussed possible use of enter/exit signs	
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	Elective Classes	Lynn Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed possibility of offering student elective classes • Would allow for student choice, fulfil student interest, provide exposure to many areas/career paths • Discussed importance of core special area classes in children 	
Embracing Community	Brown Park Halloween: Ascension Booth	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, October 28th • Amy Gross and family have volunteered to work Ascension booth • Mr. Mullaney will coordinate items needed with Amy 	
Celebrating Excellence	School Accreditation	Terry Mullaney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, November 15th • Many board members will be present to meet with accreditation team • All parents are encouraged to complete Catholic Identity survey that was sent via email to school families 	

	Next Meeting	Sean Murphy	Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 @ 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.