


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Amy Gross	Secretary: Kristin Jansen
	Meeting Date: January 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, Amy Gross, Kristin Jansen, Helen Walter, Lindsey Ackerman, Stacie Hartlage, Sean Murphy, Jason Steuer, Cheryl Divisco, Lynn Thompson, Emily Dolle

	Topic	Presenter	Discussion, Assignment and Responsibilities	Follow-Up
	Approval of Minutes	Amy Gross	Via email	
Living Faith	Opening Prayer	Amy Gross	Prayer led by Amy Gross	

Respecting Giftedness	Teacher Training & Professional Development	Terry Mullaney Cheryl Divisco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed teachers being assigned to roles based on individual areas of passion to provide best education imaginable to students • Discussed professional development funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development will target project based learning and professional learning communities • Positive results seen following teachers attendance 	
	Next Meeting	Amy Gross	Wednesday, February 15, 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.