

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER 9, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/14/09 Education Choice Meeting at Timothy Christian HS in Elmhurst
11/21/09 Auction
12/07/09 Alms @ 7 PM in Pine room
12/14/09 Dec Bd Meeting - Budget
01/31/10 Open House
02/16/10 Current Family Registration Closes
02/18/10 Open Registration Begins

PRESENT: Father Larry McNally, Mary Jo Burns, Lynn Fredrick, Dan Rodde (07), Michele Joubert (2007), Kurt Mackey, Pat Hess (08), Chair Wendy Schmiedeler (08), Jill Pollard (08), Jason Huggins (09), Mike Lynch (09), Paul Seavey (09)

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Larry is beginning his second cycle through the grade classroom. ALMS will meet on December 7 at 7:30 PM in the Pine Room. Thanksgiving Mass will proceed at 9:30 AM. This year's Christmas Angel Program will benefit both St. Martin and Ascension parish. The PADS coat give away will proceed on November 14. Thanks for Carol Ford for her work on this project.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Student absences for illness remain average, although there has been a recent slight bump in grades 1 and 2. See reports regarding Finance and All Day Kindergarten preparation below

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Quicken is now being used to interface more readily with the parish Quick Books system. A report on the restricted gift account was received by the Board. Work on Endowment account is in progress.

FINANCE: Paul will be meeting with Neil Heskin with regard to school and parish accounting. Finance and the Board want the financial reporting to the Board to be more consistent. Monthly budget balance sheets should be generated on a specific chosen date, such as the last day of each month, so that the Board can compare one month to another. Report dates that correspond to the Board meeting dates are difficult to compare with other reports, because that date fluctuates near the monthly 15th date that tuition is due., and all tuition may not be received by the Board meeting date. Reports were received on Extended Day and Tuition payments. Projections on the cost of Full Day Kindergarten were received and

tuition costs for Kindergarten were discussed.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE: Parent Teacher Conferences will proceed this month.

Technology: Jason will be meeting on 11/16 with staff to discuss technology needs. The faculty continues to use the SIS for attendance and with regard to grading, and should move towards consistent and regular posting of student grades and progress. The Board is ready to help if the faculty requests any input or policy drafting.

Wellness: Will meet on 11/16.

Long Rang Planning: Focus groups will be used to assist in analyzing the result of the survey. Play space, our Library, Math and Science and a Media Center will all subjects raised in the responses. Many thanks to Lisa Reed for her help.

Maintenance: Mile Lynch continues to work on space issues with regard to All Day Kindergarten. Mike will obtain a recent mapping of the school to help assess space.

Home and School: Pizza lunches and Buddy Bingo were discussed.

ALMS: Will meet 12/7.

Extended Day: Enrollment is currently at capacity. Work continues on tracking fees.

OLD BUSINESS: All Day Kindergarten
Consistent and Regular Financial reporting
Vision Statement and Goals based on the survey

NEW BUSINESS: Preparation for January Open House

Submitted by Mark Szaflarski

Next meeting December 14, 2009 at 7 PM in the Parish Center