

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD (2009-2010)
DECEMBER 14, 2009 MINUTES

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

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There was great participation in the Christmas Angel program. Father Miles will be with us for Christmas. The Christmas Concert was a wonderful event. The ALMs meeting was well attended and included a good presentation. There will be a Town Hall meeting in January where the top ten projects for the school and parish will be discussed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Thank you to Home & School for coordinating volunteers for the vision and hearing screening. Eighty-seven 3 and 4 year olds participated in the vision and hearing screening which was administered by the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education. They asked for a donation of \$5 per child which was paid by the school. We will look at working with them again next year.

Congratulations to Primary Teachers, Mrs. Creed and Mrs. Coffman for a wonderful Christmas Concert. Thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Lippi and all the volunteers who helped with the Drama Club productions. Thanks to cookie makers and bakers and to Mrs. Seavey for coordinating the event. Thank you to everyone involved with this year's auction.

Current enrollment is 477.

Eighth graders will test at Catholic high schools on January 9th.

We will continue regular licensed exterminator visits because we have a food service.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Many thanks to the Auction Team for an outstanding job.

We would like to develop an alumni website that is distinct from the school site but would be linked to it. We are working with two website designers to determine the cost and best configuration for the site.

Surveys were sent to high school freshman and to their parents to help us assess

our efficiency in preparing them for high school. Follow-up interviews were held on Tuesday, December 29th in the school library with Wendy Schmiedeler and Pat Hess conducting the interviews during the 3 on 3 tournament.

The Centennial Fund Appeal was mailed to alumni and included an alumni data sheet which seeks information about high school, college and relationships with other alums for us to add to our database.

We have received several orders for commemorative bricks this month. Order forms have been in the Dome and are available on the website.

New Ascension Wear will be available for a limited time through the “My Spirit Shop” at the Salkeld Sports website. Information is available on the Ascension website.

We’re working with the Early Childhood staff to get the marketing materials ready for registration season. The Parenthesis Preschool Fair is January 14th. Our Early Childhood Open Houses are January 19th, February 9th and 18th.

FINANCE: Neil is working on the school budget and it should be completed this month.

We discussed the income and expense report for July through November 2009 and how it compared to the same period in 2008. We reviewed tuition collection, budget planning and payment methods.

More in depth financial discussions will take place at next month’s meeting with the completion of the school budget.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE:

Technology: The posting of grades in SIS is going well. Jason updated the Technology Integration Plan created by Ed Yala. The plan has 8 goals including training for teachers in several areas and assisting faculty in using the technology.

There will be a pilot program for using six netbooks in the 2nd grade classrooms.

Wellness: The response of the pedometers was good. The Wellness Committee looked at the wellness program in other schools and feels we are doing well. They will meet next month to discuss other programs.

Long Rang Planning: Ms. Burns and Wendy Schmiedeler gave a presentation about All-Day Kindergarten. Classroom space and staffing were determined. The committee will continue to work on remaining issues such as daily schedule, marketing, curriculum, etc.

Maintenance: No new issues.

Extended Day: Wendy and Michele continue to assist the Extended Day staff in budget, collections and delegation of work.

OLD BUSINESS: All-Day Kindergarten.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Submitted by Jill Pollard

Next meeting 1/11/10 at 7 PM in the Parish Center