

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/10/11 School Board Meeting
1/30/11 Open House
2/15 & 2/17 Early Childhood Open Houses (10-11 a.m.)

PRESENT: Principal Mary Jo Burns, Chair Paul Seavey (09), Wendy Schmiedeler (08), Jill Pollard (08), Patrick Hess (08), Jason Huggins (09), Michael Lynch (09), Nikole Drever (10), Erin Fitzgerald (10), Michael Kelty (10)

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Larry shared thanks and appreciation for the work put into the primary Christmas Program and reminded all of the 12/16 Advent Reconciliation Service. A volunteer is needed to assist Fr. Larry with tuition collection communication. Extended Day collections also need to be reviewed. Parish help is needed with snow shoveling on the weekends and "behind the desk" youth ministry duties.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ms. Burns thanked all for Auction assistance and support. The Technology Committee has purchased PC's, laptops and carts to replaced outdated machines. New math texts are under review. Loose tiles on the balcony floor were inspected for asbestos risk. They were found to be not "friable," and of little risk to those using the space. To be extra cautious, the loose tiles were covered with floor mats until new matting is installed.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT: This year's auction netted just under \$80,000. An Early Childhood Recruitment and Retention Committee is being formed to encourage parents of preschoolers to enroll their children in Ascension for kindergarten and beyond. SuperMatch tickets for the Super Bowl will be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Teach the Children.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: The transition of responsibilities due to the Business Manager's departure was discussed at the Parish Finance Committee meeting in November. Mary Pat Landa and Mary Fitch will work to provide materials needed to review tuition collection and make school budget decisions.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: The five sub-committees are working on their areas of study.

ACADEMICS: Revision suggestions were made to the Extra-Curricular Eligibility policy found in the Handbook. The revisions will be returned to the faculty for further review.

LIAISON REPORTS:

TECHNOLOGY: A plan to annually replace some PC's will be implemented.

MAINTENANCE: Netting options for the balcony are under review. Sample floor tiles for the balcony have also been ordered. A possible re-configuration of the Teacher's Lounge/Administrative offices is being considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Crossing Guards – The village has not removed the crossing guards at intersections used by Ascension students. Ascension is not budgeting for guards in 2011-2012. We will follow up with the village regarding their plans to protect the affected intersections in 2011-2012.

Registration – Ms. Burns circulated a draft of the Registration Calendar.

Handbook – The Mandatory ACH Payment Policy will be highlighted this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 FY Budget— Paul Seavey presented a range of tuition increase scenarios to consider as the 2012 budget is prepared.

Policy Amendments relevant to Business Manager position – Tabled until next month. Pat Hess will review prior to meeting.

Submitted by Board Member Wendy Schmiedeler
Next meeting on 1/10/11 at 7 PM in the Parish Center