

**ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MARCH 9, 2009 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Father Larry McNally, Mary Jo Burns, Neil Heskin, Chair Jill Pollard (08), Patti Farlee (06), Craig Shannon (06), Dan Rodde (07), Kurt Mackey, Pat Hess (08), Wendy Schmiedeler (08). Newly elected School Board member Paul Seavey (09) also attended.

**LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Father Larry is happy to report that Ms. Burns had signed a contract to remain the Ascension School Principal for the 2009-2010 school year. Lent Reconciliation will proceed on March 16. The next Parish Fish Fry will proceed on March 27. Larry is working on a Parish Wish List for future projects as our Parish savings exceed out debt. Rehabbing the washrooms in the gym and a new boiler are being considered.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Ms. Burns requests that the Placement Policy be reviewed and possibly amended. Next year's PK4 class is now full. There is a wait list for the PK3 AM class. Openings remain in the PK3 PM class. Next year's enrollment is projected at 475.

Terra Nova tests will proceed in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Discussion of using credit cards for tuition payment is tabled for this meeting.

Ms. Burns suggests a review and possible amendment of the Student Handbook.

**DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Survey reports will be reported to the faculty for comment. Ascension continues to investigate the need and use of our parish volunteers. Terry, Lynn and Jill would continue to review the Best Use Fund and its application to Maintenance issues.

## **FINANCE:**

Neil Heskin reports the school is buying anew copier at a savings. He presented projections for the 2009-2010 projected tuition income as well as projections for Extended Day, next year's fundraising and the anticipated Parish contribution to the school.

Our school registration process resulted in an improvement in our outstanding tuition balances. Our PK classes continue to better than anticipated in our current budget. Review of the Extended Day funds continues.

35 families are currently using the ACH options, which results in an automatic deduction from a family account to pay tuition. Making this ACH option more efficiently and expanding its use will be investigated.

Pat Hess is continuing his research of the credit card cost issue.

**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE:** No report.

**Technology:** No report.

**Athletics:** Review of the Athletics policy regarding home schooled children continues. Ms. Burns requests a review of the School Handbook.

**Wellness:** Met 2/23.

**Long Rang Planning:** Met this month. The committee will get feedback and information to better address school issues. More information will become available shortly.

**Maintenance:** Turning the gym balcony into simple changing room is being investigated. A 2 year spending plan is being prepared.

## **PARISH OUTREACH**

**Home and School:** No report.

**ALMS:** Next meeting is 4/27/09

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Credit card use for tuition payment continues to be investigated by Pat Hess.

Review of Best Use fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Review of the Placement Policy and School Handbook.  
Review of surveys.  
Promotion of ACH option for tuition payments.

Submitted by Mark Szaflarski  
Next meeting April 20 at 7 PM in the Parish Center