

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER:

8/8/11	August Board Meeting
8/25/11	First Day of School 1-8
8/29/11	Early Childhood classes begin
11/19/11	Auction
December, 2011	Budget
January, 2012	Open House
March 2012	Board Election

PRESENT: Pastor Father Larry McNally, Principal Mary Jo Burns, Director of Institutional Advancement Lynn Fredrick, Chair Paul Seavey (09), Jason Huggins (09), Michael Lynch (09), Nikole Drever (10), Erin Fitzgerald (10), Michael Kelty (10), Julie Garcia (11), Steven Hinton (11), Peter O'Leary (11)

Board members Wendy Schmiedeler, Jill Pollard, and Patrick Hess attended their last meeting completing their three year School Board term. Ascension Parish benefited greatly from their stewardship and we thank them for their service. With this meeting, Paul Seavey completed his year as Board Chair (2010-2011). Newly elected Board members Julie Garcia, Steven Hinton and Peter O'Leary were installed.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Larry McNally will be attending a three day priest convocation, including the introduction of two new bishops, Bishop Rojas and Bishop Wypoh. Father Larry again informed the Village of Oak Park that Ascension's budget does not provide for payment of crossing guards. As noted in the past, the Board and Parish position on this matter remains that our mission continues to the education of our school children and the Village should continue to provide for safety. On June 24th and 25th, our Parish Council will assist with painting at an inner city parish. Bill Skalitzky is coordinating this effort.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ascension Parish recognizes Ms. Sklaney for her years of service as a teacher. Best of wishes to her in her retirement. Although Ms. Sklaney cannot be replaced, 5 candidates for her position have been interviewed. Math books will be updated for the coming school year.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT: Planning continues for our June 2013 Centennial celebration. A planning meeting is set for July 17.

FINANCE: Tuition payments will be required via ACH in the coming school year. Work continues on ensuring that these ACH payments begin smoothly in August. As of this time, 50 families are using ACH to pay tuition. A new format for school financial information was introduced by Paul Seavey and will assist the Board in reviewing the school budget.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: 5 areas are highlighted for long range planning through 2015: Math; Science, Space, Leadership and Environment. Wendy Schmiedeler will continue her work on the Long Range Plan by working on a pamphlet to communicate our progress to the Parish.

MAINTENANCE: Planning for remodeling our faculty room to allow for an Assistant Principal office continues.

ACADEMICS: New Math books have been purchased for grades 1 through 7. Discussions continue on grouping Math class in 7th Grade.

TECHNOLOGY: Computers are being assessed, retired and replaced. Servers will need servicing. "Cloud" storage options will be investigated.

EXTENDED DAY: A new Extended Day handbook is being prepared which will include new collection policies and billing rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Crossing Guard
2. Continued monitoring of Tuition and Extended Day collections
3. Review of School Handbook and Athletic Handbook

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discerning a new Chair is set for July
2. ACH Tuition payments
3. 7th Grade Math

Submitted by Board Secretary Mark Szaflarski
Next meeting at August 8, 2011 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.