

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 MINUTES

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

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: August Minutes to be reviewed and will be approved via e-mail and posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Larry discussed teaching religion in the school. The new superintendent will be at the 9:15am Mass for the Guardian Angels on September 29th. There will be another PADS Saturday lunch added during the summer next year. There will be a PADS lunch and movie held in the Pine Room on Saturday, November 14th from 11:00am to 3:00pm as part of a winter coat distribution. The Health Forum is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ms. Burns discussed the Genesis goals from the Archdiocese for the school. We currently have 479 students total enrolled in the school, including 91 students in preschool. We discussed the next steps for forming a full-day kindergarten program.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT: Paul and Jill presented a report from Lynn and the Institutional Advancement committee. The Giving Report went to the printer. 535 Football Mania tickets were activated raising around \$7000. The Teach the Children solicitation will launch in a few weeks. We currently have 62 Ambassadors. They will take part in interview training in October to help with the Centennial Project.

Finance: Neil Heskin discussed the Archdiocese annual report which showed the budgeted numbers versus the actual revenue and expenses. The parish contribution toward the school's budget is trending upward, which is something that the Board will address in 2009-2010. There was a discussion about tuition non-payment. The penalty for late tuition payments is included on the statements now. The delinquent tuition policy is being revised. The board passed the tuition waiver policy. Policy No. 01-0212 now becomes policy 09-0914.

Academics: Discussed the math grouping program for eighth grade.

- Technology: The SIS software program is working well. It's currently being used to track attendance in the school and there are goals to expand it further.
- Athletics: The Athletic committee will schedule a meeting.
- Wellness: Four events are planned for the school year promoting healthy lifestyles. Pedometers will be given to the students to promote more walking.
- Long Range Planning: The surveys will be available through Survey Monkey on September 18th. They are due on October 2nd. Paper copies are available at the Parish and School offices.
- Maintenance: Mike Lynch (09) will serve as liaison. There are several maintenance issues that are on the radar. The boys' bathroom in the gym has some venting issues. The roof on the Van Buren side of the school has some leaking problems. The sump pumps are not working properly.
- Enrollment: There are 479 students enrolled. Work continues on planning for full day kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year.
- ALMS: Dan Rodde (07) will represent the School Board at the ALMS meetings. A meeting is planned for this Parish Committee on September 28th.
- Extended Day: Budgeted and actual expenses and revenues for Extended Day were discussed. There currently is a waiting list for Extended Day. Additional resources were discussed. Michele and Wendy will continue to work on a few open issues.
- OLD BUSINESS: Tuition Policy review, all-day Kindergarten and finalizing board participation on committees.
- NEW BUSINESS: Handbook review.

Submitted by Jill Pollard

Next meeting October 12 at 7 PM in the Parish Center