

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD (2009-2010)
October 19, 2009 MINUTES

PRESENT: Father Larry McNally, Mary Jo Burns, Michele Joubert (2007), Kurt Mackey (2007), Jill Pollard (08), Chair Wendy Schmiedeler (08), Mike Lynch (09), Paul Seavey (09)

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Ascension will host a coat give away to PADS clients on November 14 from 11 AM to 3 PM in the Pine Room. That weekend is a three day weekend without any school or children activities scheduled at the Ascension gym.

Father Larry begins his second rotation through the school grades this week, teaching religion. Christmas Angels program will be expanded to include Ascension families along with St. Martin families.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Enrollment is 479. Ms. Burns would like the Board's input in addressing next year's move to full time kindergarten. Specifically, the school needs help envisioning proper space usage and tuition. All day kindergarten allows for a slower pace for all students. The school plans to offer a half day option, allowing parents to take children home at noon. Ms. Burns will meet with representatives from St. Giles to discuss their experience with the move to all day kindergarten.

The school completed its review of tuition waiver requests.

Ascension School will receive approximately \$10,400 in funds for use for special needs students.

The school continues to use and learn the SIS system to track attendance. The Technology Committee will assist in trying to ensure that all teachers use the same method of posting grades.

143 school families responded to the survey, which represents approximately 50% of our school parents. A total of 220 survey responses were submitted.

School office policies are in place to question parents about flu symptoms and monitor trends in the classrooms, following Dept. Of Public Health directives.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: The 2006-2009 Giving Report was reviewed. The Online Auction will have around 20 items posted. This year's Fund a Need will be Pipe Dreams, centering on our parish and school's plumbing needs. The Ascension Auction will have a parish wide appeal this year. The Teach the Children solicitation was mailed. Ambassadors are finishing the video tour for the website this month.

FINANCE: With regard to reviewing financial information on the School, the Finance Committee requests that the documentation be uniform. The reports should be for similar month to month periods, to ensure that receivables be analyzed after the 15th of the month, the date when all tuition should have been received.

The school budget should be completed by December.

Technology: The Technology Committee will assist in trying to ensure that all teachers use the same method of posting grades on SIS.

Wellness: Pedometers were distributed to the school children

Long Rang Planning: The Survey results are being reviewed.

Maintenance: Exhaust fan work is being planned between the boy's and girl's bathrooms. Plumbing issues are also under review.

Enrollment: 479. Mike Lynch will discuss Kindergarten space issues with Bill Komala. Michele will contact other area schools to their experiences with the transition to all day kindergarten.

Parish Outreach: The PADS coat give away will be published in the minutes, the Wednesday mailing and Dome. Suggestions for future giving reports will be relayed to Lynn Fredrick.

Home and School: The School Directory was distributed this week.

ALMS: Dan Rodde attended the first ALMS meeting of the school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Survey; all day kindergarten.

NEW BUSINESS: Kindergarten space and tuition; More consistent finance reports.

Submitted by Mark Szaflarski
Next meeting 11/9/09 at 7 PM in the Parish Center