

ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES: 5/14/07

IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Jo Burns, Father Larry McNally, Patti Farlee,
Craig Shannon, Liz Skalitzky, Terry Thiese, Tom
Carraher, Ted Anderson, Mark Szaflarski

DATES TO REMEMBER:

6/1/07	8 th Grade Dinner
6/4/07	Graduation
6/11/07	Installation of New Board
7/07	Discernment of New Board

PUBLIC COMMENT:

New Board member **Mike Iannacconi** was welcomed.

Kurt Mackey, Jodi Pacer, and Ann Smart stated that there are many parents who would like to become involved in augmenting the math and science classes. They offered their services to organize parental participation in Math and Science Programs, using the Technology Committee as an example to what can be achieved.

Tari Delisi reported that Market Basket turned a \$1,700.00 profit since the beginning of the year. The Market Basket program was approved by the Board for the 2007-2008 school year. Tari also offered suggestions as to where these profits could be used.

MINUTES:

PASTOR'S REPORT

Congratulation to Father Larry! He is celebrating his 30 year anniversary in the priesthood. **Father Larry** reported that Cardinal George will attend and speak at our 11 AM Mass on May 20 as part of our 100 year anniversary celebration.

The bids are finalized in the Rectory teardown project, with a total cost projected at \$155,000.00. The Playground Committee has been incorporated into the Master Plan Committee.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mary Jo Burns reported that the Terra Nova test results have been received. The Board assisted in deciding which information will be mailed to the parents. These standardized tests are given to our 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Review of the Terra Nova scores show that our Junior High School Math and Science programs score significantly above other schools who take the test. However, our Reading scores could use improvement.

2007-08 enrollment is expected to be around 510 students. Our current enrollment is 512.

Ascension is seeking a 3rd grade teacher and an Assistant Principal.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Lynn Frederick is developing a policy to administer the Reese Brothers Ascension Scholarship Fund scholarship program. The Development Committee will report next month on any progress with this policy.

Ms. Burns is requesting a specific policy on Fund Raising and how funds that are raised will be used by the school. Both a draft Fund Raising Policy (Terry and Peg) and a Best Use of Funds policy (Liz) will be handled by the Development Committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Michelle Van Linden will finalize the Strategic Planning Survey over the summer.

FINANCE

Ms. Burns noted that Market Day profits have been halved over prior years. The school must investigate new areas of fund raising to make up for this shortfall of about \$4,500.00

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Ed Yala will assist in writing a job description for the Technology Committee. Ed is retiring after heading the Technology Committee since 2002.

PARISH COMMISSIONS

The Stewardship Committee met and will try to ensure that all parishioners who wish to share his or her Time, Talent or Treasure are given an opportunity to participate.

MAINTENANCE

Liz Skalitzky reports that the cornice work will begin this month.

The conversion of the gym balcony into three changing rooms will cost about \$6,000.00.

ACADEMICS

The length of Preschool days for our 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be changed next year. Classes will be from 9 until 11:40 AM and from 12:20 to 3 PM next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Club Policy submitted, discussed and amended. The Policy will be addressed and voted on at the next Board meeting. The new policy is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Burns requests that the prior Long Range Plans will be reviewed by the Board.

Next Board Meeting: 6/11/07 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Submitted by Mark Szaflarski

CLUB POLICY

Ascension School encourages teachers, parents or volunteers to form educational or recreation clubs. In order to form a club, the following steps must be followed:

All applications for a club must be done in writing. A written proposal must be submitted to the school office which includes the following information:

- The focus of the Club. All clubs must be related to an educational or recreational endeavor.
- A method to determine student membership. Membership in a club will be rationally related to objective, non-discriminatory, criteria.
- The duration the Club will meet. Clubs shall be formed on an on-going, semester or seasonal basis

Leaders are further advised of the following.

Funding of any Club must be self-sufficient. Ascension School will not provide funding.

Club leaders may apply to use campus space; however, use of campus space is not guaranteed. Club will have to submit a space use proposal required of all other groups.

Any club that involves any risk of injury, through either transportation or the club activity itself, must require parents execute a document releasing Ascension School and Parish from any liability.

All adult leaders will submit to a background check and undergo training required by the Archdiocese.

Funding of Ascension clubs must follow the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese.

Ascension School reserves the right to deny any club application and to deny use of school facilities.

Submitted and amended 5/14/07.