

## ASCENSION SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES: 11/12/07

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Father Larry McNally, Patti Farlee, Terry Thiese, Jason Allington, Mike Iannaccone, Peg Mackie, Dan Rodde , Mark Szaflarski

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

11/24/07 Alumni & Friends 3 on 3 and Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner  
11/29/07 Student Progress Reports Mailed  
12/10/07 Last day to order Shopping Certificates before Christmas  
12/21/08 Half day of School, followed by Christmas Break  
1/7/08 School Resumes  
1/27/08 Open House

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Kurt Mackie** reported to the Board on the progress of the Committee on Math and Science. The Committee reported that it was impressed by both the Math and Science programs. All classes are taught to specific standards and those standards are in fact covered during the school year. The Committee's comments will be passed on to Ms. Burns, including thoughts of using parent volunteers to augment the Math and Science Programs, development of a Math Packet for use by students during the summer before high school, and investigating use of area college students to augment learning.

**MINUTES:** Last month's minutes were approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** **Father Larry** thanks the Ascension parish community for its generosity at the School Auction. He will visit the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms this week. Weather permitting, the new asphalt will be striped for hopscotch and 4 square. Len Richardson will be taking over Father Larry's role on the Athletic Committee.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** **Mary Jo Burns** was not in attendance because she was accepting the School's Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C. "Congratulations to the staff and teachers for this honor. In an announcement on October 2, 2007, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings named Ascension School of Oak Park a Blue Ribbon School. Ascension was included in a list of 287 public and private elementary, middle and high schools nationwide named for this award, one of the most prestigious education awards in the country. Fifty of the 287 schools recognized in 2007 are private...." Read more about the award at [www.ascension-school.com/AwardsExcellence.htm](http://www.ascension-school.com/AwardsExcellence.htm).

**DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Final Auction contributions were pending at the time of the meeting. Ascension Charger Wear order forms were distributed. Additional forms and information are available on the school website, [www.ascension-school.com](http://www.ascension-school.com)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Academics:** This Committee will work with Ms. Burns in analyzing the Math and Science Committee report.

**Finance:** Mike Iannaccone is in the process of reviewing the prior years' budgets in order to assess the 2008-2009 budget. The effect on pre-school enrollment of District 97 offering full time Kindergarten will also be reviewed

## **LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Technology:** Next meeting will be held on November 14, 2007. The Parish Center network plans will be reviewed.

**Development:** Will begin work on a list of school priorities. Final phase of Cool the School – A/C in PreK4/K rooms will be completed over Christmas break, pending input from maintenance.

**Maintenance:** Mike Iannaccone will become the liaison to the Green Space Committee.

Commissions: Will be scheduled to meet in January 2008.

Submitted by Mark Szaflarski  
Next meeting December 10, 2007