


Purpose: Ascension School Board	President: Mandy Goodwin	Secretary: Katie Spencer
	Meeting Date: 7/30/24	

The **Mission** of Ascension Catholic School is to develop Christian thought leaders.

Living Faith	We achieve through sustained prayer and faith-filled interaction with each other that marks us as Ascension.
Embracing Community	We achieve through active participation in service to our parish, neighborhood, metro areas and global community.
Encouraging Opportunity	We achieve through activities, whether in traditional or community classrooms, to enhance ways in which students learn so they can continue to be life-long learners.
Respecting Giftedness	We achieve by providing a level of instruction to challenge students to extend beyond the basics to maximize their potential in their areas of strength.
Celebrating Excellence	We achieve through recognition of student accomplishments and alumni that say, "Well done!"

In Attendance: Father Robert Barnell, Deacon Cole McDowell, Terry Mullaney (Principal), Mike Brockman, Bob Feger, Mandy Goodwin (Chair), Natalie Ising, Nathan Jones, Laura Krebs Lewis, Josh Lile, Brittany Meyer, Jaclyn Mullin, Abby Simon, Katie Spencer (Secretary),

Absent:

	Topic	Presenter	Discussion, Assignment and Responsibilities	Follow-Up
	Approval of Minutes	Bryan Back/Terry Mullaney	Email	

Living Faith	Opening Prayer	Father Robert	Prayer led by Father Robert	
	Intro of all members			Information Only
	Enrollment Update/New teachers	Terry	Finished 2023-2024 with 168 students; 2024-2025 currently enrolled – 183. 2 Kindergarten classes with addition of 2 nd K teacher as well as positions secured for 1 st , 2 nd , counselor and art teacher. Foreign Language teacher still open.	Information Only
	School Improvement Plan	Terry	Preliminary plan reviewed with us and will be finalized after discussion with teacher. Goals revolve around implementation of new mission/vision throughout school and classrooms, commitment to Catholic faith in instruction, commitment to teachers PLC, PBL and professional learning	Information Only
	Communication recommendation to Teacher	From Board Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry will help teachers communicate how differentiation is handled in each classroom so parents have awareness on what to expect from each grade level. • Back to school night – Terry remind parents what 	To Do: Terry to help communicate these topics to teachers and parents.

			teachers do on early dismissal days	
	Review of Summer projects	Bob/Terry	<p>New floors, painting in many areas, trees trimmed, concrete work at entrance, church pews, gym updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board recommended that planned facilities work is communicated to athletics and other areas of the Church community to ensure all are aware of how projects may effect practices and other events and alternates can be planned in advance 	Informational Only – with recommendation to enhance communication
	Review of Amplify, OG training and Dibels.	Terry	Review of curriculum updates. School board very appreciative of changes that focus on phonics, and foundational spelling help for older grades that missed this over the years. We understand that with any change there needs to be grace as teachers work through the new curriculum and pace of topics throughout the year.	Information Only
	AI in the Classroom	Terry	Terry has secured an Author to come speak to teachers on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. The speaker will be Keynote at the national Catholic educators conference this year and Ascension is excited to have this opportunity.	Information Only

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current school board member is a teacher and talked about how he uses it in the classroom currently and board members discussed AI in general and how it is best to be informed on it as this will be something that is definitely coming and we need to be prepared to know all of the challenges. 	
	Next meeting	Mandy Goodwin	Sept 3 rd 6pm	

Vision: Ascension Catholic School champions academic excellence in an environment where all are loved, respected and challenged to grow. With Christ as our guide and a vibrant community as our support, Ascension graduates leave prepared for a rapidly changing world.