

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School  
Advisory Board Meeting  
April 6, 2009

In Attendance: Dr. Jim McDermott, Caren Bailey, Mary Haluska, Rob Barker, Bob Bill, Cynthia Scheller, Celeste Furey, Anne Myer, David McCarville

Absent: Brian Fitzmaurice, Jennifer Copeland (PTO)

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Rob Barker.

Minutes from the March 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Principal's Report: Working on finalizing plans for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip and planning the commencement ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be required to wear STAGS polo shirts on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Fr. Kieran. Interviews are being conducted for a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Pierski will be back next year half-time as reading specialist. She will work directly with grades 6-8 and with K-5 teachers.

Wildcats are looking into money for computers and for an electronic lock and camera for the East gate. This will allow ease of entry for parents after hours while maintaining security.

Wildcat Report: Information provided by Cynthia Scheller and Caren Bailey. Golf tournament yielded slightly over \$9000. Poker night scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wildcats will be providing plaque for STA award winners.

PTO Report: Provided by Dr. McDermott. Jog-a-thon finished with over \$19,000 in profit. 10% will go to St. Vincent DePaul at STA and some will be used to replace broken computers in classrooms. PTO paid for 3 years of PE swimming at the YMCA to help alleviate the financial burden to parents. PTO elections will be held this month at next meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Family Picnic set for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

Old Business: Student Handbook and policy review continued.

New Business:

Idea of STAGS referral directory presented. Caren will work with Wildcats on details. Seed packet greeting going out to all families on 4/8.

Finance Council update: Expansion of school is top priority. Possibly within the next 4 years.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

\*\*\* Next meeting is May 11, 2009 at 6:30 in the conference room\*\*\*