

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board meeting

August 4, 2008

In Attendance: Dr. McDermott, Cynthia Scheller, Brian Fitzmaurice, Robert Bill, Celeste Furey, Anne Myer, Caren Bailey, David McCarville, Mary Haluska, Jennifer Copeland

Absent: Rob Barker

Opening prayer and intentions led by Cynthia Scheller

Minutes from the June 2008 meeting were approved as written

Principal's Report: Many changes for the school year. The modular buildings discussed at last meeting will not be used due to future site plan approval. Space in the existing building is being modified. School nurse will be located upstairs. Weekly Mass will be on Fridays at 8:00am. Reconciliation will be offered once a quarter for STAGS students. Father Arthur will make visits to classrooms. PE for K-5 is M, W, and F. All classes have 24 students. Pre-k classes have 20. Accreditation is almost complete and progressing well.

PTO Report: Curriculum night and Ice Cream Social is set for August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 7:30. Beach Bash is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the YMCA from 5:00 until 8:00pm. Parent Volunteer Handbook created and will be distributed. New PTO events to include Author's Week and Social Hours. Annual Appeal for school and parish to be held on 2 separate dates; August/September and October respectively.

New Business: Wildcat Poker night is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Amendments to bylaws presented and will be reviewed. Strategic Plan: Board to focus on goal three and present ideas at next months meeting. Goal four will be briefly introduced then as well. Parent survey results reviewed. Written synopsis to be created and distributed to parents.

What's New: New mentor family program reviewed. New family orientation to be held August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 8:30 pm. All new families and mentor families invited. 14 new families to STA, several other new students from existing families.

All volunteers will need to either take or renew their Call to Protect. The on line class should be available August 5<sup>th</sup>; class is called "Internet Safety- Three potential threats". Several dates are scheduled in the next few months as well. Information will follow in newsletter. School Mass schedule was distributed and reviewed.

Closing prayer led by Cynthia Scheller

Adjournment

\*\* Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2008 at 6:30 in the Conference Room \*\*