

St. Thomas Aquinas grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

December 14, 2009

Present: Brian Fitzmaurice, Chi Sidner-Funk, Dr. McDermott, Lorraine, Dunn, Maggie MacCleary, Anne Myer, Bob Bill, David McCarville, Cynthia Scheller, Mary Haluska, Kim Bacic, and guest Ken Porter.

Absent: Rob Barker

The meeting was opened in prayer led by David McCarville.

October minutes were approved as written.

Principals Report: Financials were distributed and reviewed. ITBS scores for the school were also distributed and reviewed. STAGS exceeded diocesan standards in almost every area. Christmas performance is Thursday evening at 6:00.

PTO Report: Report given by Chi Sidner-Funk for Marissa Bell. Last PTO meeting there were 110 parents in attendance. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010.

- PTO will partner with Wildcats to offer prizes for SRC program
- Hickman's Farms sponsored a teacher breakfast today and will sponsor another during Catholic Schools Week.
- Honey Baked Ham sales are completed. Sales are down a great deal from last year.
- Parish Ball went very well and was a success. There were over 250 in attendance. Final numbers are not in yet on profit made. Many positive comments made as well as suggestions for working out glitches for next year if event is to be held on campus again.

Wildcat Report: prepared by Jeff Bailey and read by Brian Fitzmaurice.

- Family dining at Mimi's Café on December 15th.
- Trinkets to Treasure sale is scheduled for February 27th. Containers for donations will be set up 30 days prior to event.
- Next Poker Night is February 20, 2010
- Gold Tournament has been scheduled for May 8, 2010 at Tuscany Falls in Pebble Creek. Dave Nigh is Chairperson for the tournament.
- Wildcat gear is now in stock and ready for sales.

- Wildcats have graciously agreed to subsidize the STA Athletic program to reduce the fees that students would have to pay in order to participate in sports.

New Business

Building Committee Update: given by Mary Haluska. Committee has had a few meetings to date and continue to meet with the architects. Surveys went out to students, families, and staff with approximately 12 returned. Suggestions and concerns were constructive and addressed same general areas. Target date for ground breaking is June 1, 2010. The 6 million in bonds will be used to pay off existing debt and then focus on build out. Committee is seeking other funding sources as well. City of Avondale was very supportive. STA grandfathered in regarding many of the building and permit issues.

Service Hour Report: The first Service Hour report will come out to families after the first of the year.

- Suggestion made by David McCarville to have some of the service hours of every family dedicated to Parish ball if the event continues to be held on STA grounds. This will be discussed in January and February.
- Announcement from Kim Bacic. Kim and her family will be moving back to Minnesota in January to be closer to family. They will be missed!

Closing prayer

Adjournment

*** Next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on January 11, 2010 in the conference room ***