

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

January 20, 2010

Present: Dr. McDermott, Cynthia Scheller, Mary Haluska, Anne Myer, Lorraine Dunn, David McCarville, Marissa Bell, Robert Bill

Absent: Brian Fitzmaurice, Rob Barker, Kim Bacic

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Mary Haluska.

The minutes from the December 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Principal's Report:

- ◆ Catholic Schools Week starts January 31st with a school Mass. Updates on activities for the week will be published in the school newsletter on January 27th.
- ◆ Copies of budget for 2010-2011 year handed out and reviewed. Budget not final yet.
- ◆ CTODP: STA should end up with approximately \$300,000. The amount is down slightly from last year but still substantial.
- ◆ Diocesan fundraiser, Night of Hope, yielded \$79,000 to go toward the endowment fund.

PTO Report:

- ◆ Honey Baked Ham sales down by almost 50% over Christmas compared to last year's sales. Hams will be sold again for Easter.
- ◆ Jog-a-thon is set for March 12, 2010
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week: Hickman's Farms donating all of the eggs for the pancake breakfast on January 31st. There will be a lunch for teachers on the Tuesday of that week as well.
- ◆ Next PTO meeting is February 17th. Grades K, 1, and 2 are set to sing.
- ◆ April 27th: PTO meeting and general election will be held.

Wildcat Report: Information provided by Jeff Bailey and given by Cynthia Scheller. Golf Tournament set for May 8th at Tuscan Falls in Pebble Creek. Trinkets to Treasure sale slated for the end of February, collection bin out soon. Poker night in February.

Service Hour report should go out to families within the next few weeks.

Building Update: given by Mary Haluska. Plans are closer to being drawn up and will hopefully be completed in February. Fr. Kieran plans to have town hall style meetings with the

community for questions and dissemination of information. Groundbreaking is still on track for June 1, 2010. The committee is working hard and works very well together as everyone is invested in the good for all.

New Business:

- ◆ Policy book to be reviewed at next meeting. Goal is to have changes to Margy by April. Grading system for specials will be discussed as well.
- ◆ “Dividends for Life” is the theme for Catholic Schools Week this year
- ◆ Annual Appeal is in the works and will be presented to the community right after Easter.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned.

*** Next meeting will be February 8th at 6:30 pm in the conference room***