

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School
Advisory Board Meeting
March 9, 2009

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

Absent: Rob Barker

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Robert Bill.

Minutes from the January 09 meeting were approved as written.

Principal's Report: Letters of intent were passed out to teachers and teacher contracts will be out in April. For the 09/10 school year, Mrs. Pierski will be a half-time Reading Specialist which will leave a fourth grade position open. Accreditation went very well; we received full accreditation at all 6 levels. A written report will not be available until May or June of this year. On Friday, April 3rd, the 8th graders will perform the living Stations of the Cross.

PTO Report: PTO is working on a 3 year contract with the YMCA where PTO would pay for the swimming that is done in PE classes. This would relieve some of the burden from parents. The book fair is going well and the jog-a-thon has also made great progress to date. Jog-a-thon is March 20th. So far, Kinder and 4th grade have exceeded the \$2000 goal. Spaghetti Dinner on March 11, 2009.

Old Business

Strategic Plan: We are working on goal number 1 which focuses on Catholic Identity. While STA does very well in this area, the need to focus on community service more will be explored. Implementation of a Service Day was discussed as well.

New Business

Parish Council Report: Parish Council is in the process of creating a strategic plan for the parish and are presently working on the objectives. They are working on a Parish mission statement as well.

Handbook revisions: Revisions to the Student Handbook began and will continue at next meeting.

It was suggested to compose a letter to former Board members to thank them for their service and work in the accreditation process.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

*** Next meeting scheduled for April 6, 2009 at 6:30 in the conference room ***