

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board meeting

November 10, 2008

In Attendance: Rob Barker, Mary Haluska, Cynthia Scheller, Celeste Furey, Dr. McDermott, Bob Bill, Anne Myer, Brian Fitzmaurice, Susan Hoopes for PTO.

Absent: David McCarville, Caren Bailey

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Mary Haluska.

October board minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report: Teachers are finishing up final reports for accreditation. On January 16, 2009, Connie Wahl, chairperson for the accreditation team, will make her first visit to STAGS. November 11th there will be a Veteran's Day Ceremony performed by Kindergarten and 1st grade. Uniform checks will continue, winning classes enjoyed their pizza parties. Announced at Night of Hope; average ITBS composite score for 8th grade in the diocese was 10.1 and STA's score was 12.2.

PTO Report: Provided by Susan Hoopes. Next PTO meeting is 11/18 and Mrs. Pierski will speak about the Scholastic reading program recently purchased. Turkey drive extended to 11/12/08. PTO budget reviewed. Honey Baked Ham sales to begin next week. Box tops and soup label drive going well.

Old Business: Strategic Plan, goal number 5 reviewed. STAGS will send two of our teachers to the National conference in Anaheim in April. Teachers attend religious training twice yearly through the Diocese and are currently taking a course of instruction from Fr. Arthur. Bylaws were amended and approved by Fr. Kieran and are awaiting signature for distribution.

New Business: Sheryl Whitehouse unable to attend the meeting. The Annual Appeal report was provided by Cynthia Scheller. Donations continue to come in, as of 11/10, the amount of the appeal was \$26, 446. This amount exceeded the goal of \$25,000. Kudos to Sheryl!

Service Hours: All service hours need to be turned into Rob Barker by 11/21. The first Service Hour Report to families will go out on approximately 11/28/08. He will contact committee chairs.

NEW: DVD scheduled to be viewed was postponed. September school and parish budget reviewed. Parish Ball is 11/22 at the Wigwam. CTO committee continues to work to get the word out. Parish Council: informal meeting held; working on mission statement for the Parish. On December 28th, a Year of the Holy Family Event will be held at STA with food, entertainment, etc.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for December 15th at 6:30 in the conference room

