

St. Thomas Aquinas School Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2008

In Attendance: Dr. McDermott, Robert Bill, Cynthia Scheller, Celeste Furey, Anne Myer, David McCarville, Mary Haluska, Caren Bailey, Chip Sisbarro, Monika Hiler

Absent: Jennifer Copeland, Rob Barker, Brian Fitzmaurice

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Robert Bill. Monika Hiler, guest of David McCarville, and Chip Sisbarro, Wildcat representative, were welcomed to the meeting.

September minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report: ITBS results are in and overall, the scores are excellent. Scores will be published in the newsletter. Parent teacher conferences are on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, both are 1:00 release dates. Accreditation is moving along with an estimated completion goal of November.

PTO Report: Per Cynthia Scheller, the Book Fair is in full swing and going well. The spaghetti dinner was moved to Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan: Communication continues to be at the forefront. Wildcat Express and Did You Know in bulletin are positive steps in promoting news. Goal #4: promoting affordable Catholic education was reviewed. Explored avenues to encourage families to register with Ron Johnson's website. Goal # 5 will be the focus next month.

New Business:

- Meeting for December 15<sup>th</sup> may be a budget review only.
- Many computers need to be replaced and this needs to be worked into the budget. Mrs. Hiler suggested itemized technology wish list that may be distributed to potential donors.
- Surprise uniform check went well. K and 2<sup>nd</sup> had no violations and 5<sup>th</sup> grade had the least in grades 5-8. These classes will be awarded with a pizza party.
- Dennis uniform will be coming this Fall. Details to follow.
- Suggestion made to look into making the agenda books for school in house. Caren and Celeste will look into the feasibility of this project.
- Preparations for the Parish Ball are under way with many great auction items.

- Cynthia Scheller reported Sheryl Whitehouse will be at Nov meeting to give specifics on Annual Appeal. Cynthia stated the appeal raised approx. \$12,000 so far from school parents. It will go to the parish Oct. 11-12. It is a budgeted item of \$20,000.

- As Board members, we need to maintain a positive focus and remember to offer continual support to Fr. Kieran and the parish.

- Parish Council is considering composing a mission statement for STACC.

- CTO is going strong and will be performing the skit for the parish on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

\*\*\* Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2008 at 6:30 in the Conference Room. \*\*\*