

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

October 12, 2009

Present: Dr. McDermott, Cynthia Scheller, Brian Fitzmaurice, Kim Bacic, Anne Myer, Bob Bill, Maggie MacCleary, Kim Rich, Mary Haluska, and Marissa Bell

Absent: David McCarville, Rob Barker

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Bob Bill.

The minutes of September 2009 were approved with changes.

Principal's Report: The budget report was reviewed. CTO letters are being sent out. The number of families receiving full scholarship this year is the highest ever. ITBS scores are in and will be reviewed at parent/teacher conferences. A grant for \$2000 was received for scholarships from CCF.

PTO Report: Over 150 parents attended the first PTO meeting. Next meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> and CTODP will hopefully be a topic presented. Book Fair is going well. PTO is purchasing a die cut machine, sets of books for grades 6 through 8, and document cameras for classrooms that do not already have one.

Wildcat Report: Report read by Brian Fitzmaurice. Family Dining Night is on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Macayo's. November Family Dining will be at Macaroni Grill. Trinkets to Treasure sale slated for February 27<sup>th</sup>. Poker night is on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the Golf Tournament is tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in April. Wildcat Club is looking to fund a security system with cameras for the school. New Wildcat gear has been ordered and bricks are now for sale as well.

Old Business:

- ❖ Report of Diocesan in-service given by Mary and Maggie. Fr. Joe was the keynote speaker with very informative sessions.
- ❖ There was a teacher in-service on October 9<sup>th</sup> and Catholic identity in schools was addressed. Teachers' role in school and importance of personal prayer were emphasized.

New Business:

- ❖ Parish Ball update provided. Information sheet provided by Parish Ball committee was read by Anne Myer.

- ❖ CTO – Board supportive of decision to ask every family to give 5 of their required 35 volunteer hours to CTODP.
- ❖ Importance of parish and school connection discussed
- ❖ Board member needed to fill a PR type of spot to ensure STAGS news is shared with local media sources.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Adjournment

\*\*\* Next scheduled meeting is November 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the conference room \*\*\*