

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

September 14, 2009

In Attendance: Dr. McDermott, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. MacCleary, Lorraine Dunn, Mary Haluska, Anne Myer, Cynthia Scheller, Brian Fitzmaurice, David McCarville, Kim Bacic, Bob Bill.

Absent: Marissa Bell, Jeff Bailey, Rob Barker

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Mary Haluska.

Minutes from the June 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Principal's Report: Enrollment is progressing. We have 3 openings in third grade and 2 in eighth grade presently. ITBS is in process and will be completed this week. Result will hopefully be back in time for parent teacher conferences in October. CTO has changed their process for paying STA; FACTS payments for families will not be affected. New staff has adjusted nicely and all appear to be doing well. Per Father Kieran, there will not be school on October 2, 2009 due to a function at the church. 10/2 was originally scheduled as a half day.

PTO Report: As reported by Cynthia Scheller. It was a very successful first PTO meeting with 110 families in attendance. Grades 5, 4, and 3 to perform at the November 15th PTO meeting. To clarify the financial report: PTO is not money making group. All money that comes in goes out for various events and student activities/supplies.

Wildcat Report: As presented by Cynthia Scheller. Family Dining at Peter Piper Pizza tomorrow. Trinkets to Treasure sale will be February 27th. Many volunteers are needed. A collection bin will be set up 30 days prior to the sale for donations. Wildcats helping a STA family in need by providing assistance in way of a scholarship for tuition. The next Poker Night is scheduled for November 7th. The Golf Tournament is tentatively the last weekend in March 2010. Joe Funk has taken over the brick program.

Old Business: We will be reviewing the Strategic Plan throughout the year. It is posted on school website.

New Business:

- CTODP program continues

- Assignments: Spirituality Committee heads needed. Anne Myer will take over newsletter piece. Brian Fitzmaurice will help to usher at next School Mass. Rob Barker will continue to do service hours and Bob Bill will continue writing the Wildcat Express.
- Annual Appeal is in April this year. Looking for someone to take on the task of heading this very important committee.
- Code of Ethics signed and submitted to Cynthia Scheller

What's New?

- » For the Year for Priests, Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. MacCleary, will compose cards and prayers for all Diocesan priests, seminarians, and the Bishop.
- » Parish Council is working on their plans for Year for Priests. There is a website where families or individuals can adopt a priest in our Diocese. For details go to adoptapriestphoenix@yahoo.com.
- » Night of Hope is October 24th at the Sheraton in Phoenix
- » Patterdell Pines: Much work has been done and much more needs to be completed. Still looking for volunteers. Service hours given from time you leave home until the time you return. This will be a great asset to our parish community.
- » Diocesan In Service is on September 26th. There is a \$10 registration fee this year.
- » Mrs. Pierski reports that the Reading Program for grades 6 through 8 is going very well. She has started the 2nd grade class as well.
- » Kindergarten classroom has received new guided reading books and assessments.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

*** Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2009 at 6:30 in the Conference Room ***