

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

February 8, 2010

**Present:** Dr. McDermott, Lorraine Dunn, Anne Myer, Brian Fitzmaurice, Maggie MacCleary, Mary Haluska, Cynthia Scheller, David McCarville, Robert Bill.

**Absent:** Rob Barker, Marissa Bell

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Mary Haluska.

The January 2010 minutes were approved as written.

**Principal's Report:** Financial report reviewed.

**PTO Report:** PTO meeting moved from February 17<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Old Business**

- Service Hour report should be out to families in February.

**New Business**

- Student Handbook reviewed and recommendations were made. Areas included were:
  - Pg. 9: Grades used for specials classes. It was reported by Dr. McDermott that teachers would like to use an A-F scale for these classes. Board concerns were expressed related to objectivity/subjectivity, communication, and curriculum.
  - Pg. 14: Suggestion made for school Mass *weekend* where students would wear Mass uniform to any Mass they attended on the weekend. Hosting class would still attend Sunday at 9:00 am.
  - Pg. 19: Need to address change in PE shorts for upper grades. Dr. McDermott stated that grades 5-8 would have a choice of mesh or cotton for one more year.
  - Pg. 25: Suggestion made to delete the amount of the sports fee.

**What's New?**

- School Mass is on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. First grade class will be hosting.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

\*\*\* Next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room \*\*\*