

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

March 8, 2010

Present: Dr. McDermott, Maggie MacCleary, Mary Haggerty for PTO, Robert Bill, Anne Myer, Cynthia Scheller, Lorraine Dunn, Brian Fitzmaurice, David McCarville, and Mrs. Mena.

Absent: Mary Haluska

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Brian Fitzmaurice.

The February minutes were approved as written.

Principal's Report

- ✓ Jog a thon is this Friday. A pizza lunch will be served for all students at 11:30 in the courtyard.
- ✓ This quarter ends Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will go home on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Grading policies for Specials classes distributed and reviewed with discussion from Mrs. Mena regarding Spanish. Special area teachers feel kids will put more effort into their classes if they earn an A-F grade for them. Parent concerns were brought to the table and heard. Dr. McDermott to make final decision.

PTO Report (as given by Mary Haggerty for Marissa Bell)

- ✓ There were over 100 parents in attendance at the February PTO meeting
- ✓ Spaghetti Dinner is March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ✓ Next year, PTO hopes to coordinate Author's Week and the Book fair for the same week
- ✓ End of year picnic is April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a petting zoo, bouncers, food, and fun.
- ✓ Honey Baked Ham sales are active for Easter.

Wildcat Report

- ✓ Family Dining night is March 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Trinkets to Treasures did well. Many thanks to all of the families that helped.
- ✓ Last Poker Night was the most profitable ever. Next one is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ Gold Tournament is May 8<sup>th</sup> at Tuscany Falls in Pebble Creek.
- ✓ \$500 scholarships toward Catholic high school will be given to 2 students again this year. Application process will begin soon.
- ✓ Website currently being update to make more functional and friendly.

#### Old Business

- ✓ Strategic plan reviewed.
- ✓ Proposed policy changes reviewed
- ✓ Summary of service hours provided. Several families have not completed their service hours to date. Those families with 10 hours or less will receive a letter from Dr. McDermott and, per policy, those names will be given to Fr. Kieran.
- ✓ Building Committee update: the committee will begin interviewing contractors. Once contractors are selected, Fr. Kieran will meet with the Diocese and then with the community (at Masses) to reveal the plans. No dates have been set for this.

#### What's New?

- ✓ Patterdell Pines: The roofs are on. Weekends have been set to power spray and then paint the buildings. Volunteers and painting equipment need.
- ✓ Parish Council: Focusing on potlucks and ministries retreat at present
- ✓ Officer nominations next meeting.

Closing prayer

Adjournment

\*\*\*\* Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2010 @ 6:30 in the conference room \*\*\*\*