

St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School

Advisory Board Meeting

May 10, 2010

Present: Cynthia Scheller, Mary Haluska, Anne Myer, Lorraine Dunn, Dr. McDermott, Robert Bill, Marissa Bell.

Absent: Brian Fitzmaurice, David McCarville, Maggie MacCleary

The meeting was opened in prayer led by Lorraine Dunn.

Board minutes from April 2010 were approved as written.

Principal's Report:

- » Our school nurses have decided to return to STAGS for next school year. They will continue to share the position.
- » A new program, **RenWeb**, has been purchased for on line registration, checking balance of tuition, and monitoring student grades. Parents will be able to check on test grades and monitor academic progress regularly. This system will include a parent emergency announcement system as well which would notify all school families in a matter of minutes if an emergency occurred. The program was underwritten by the PTO and should be operational by the opening of school in August.
- » The cost of lunches for the 2010-2011 school year has been lowered by Litchfield School District. The cost will be \$2.50 next year instead of the \$2.75 that is now paid.

PTO Report:

- » PTO received 10 applications for 8th grade scholarships. Out of the 10 received they will choose 3 winners. Scholarship amounts will be in increments of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250.
- » End of year family picnic was a great success.
- » Annual appeal is still going on. The goal for the year has been met. Many thanks to all parishioners that contributed.

Wildcat Report: (As read by Robert Bill)

- » The wildcats have purchased agendas for students for the next school year for approximately \$984.
- » Monies will also be given to support and expand the SRC program.
- » A unanimous vote resulted in the re-election of current board members

- » Next Family dining night is MAY 18th at SAGUARO PIZZERIA. Poker night is May 15th.
- » The golf Tournament was a huge success. Proceeds will benefit the school sports program.
- » 11 applications for 8th grade scholarships received. Winners will be announced at commencement.

Old Business:

Policy book revisions reviewed and will be incorporated into the Student Handbook.

New Business:

- » Election of new board members. After review of the spreadsheet, it was determined that Anne Myer still could serve 2 years on the board. She accepted and will be rolling into Kim Bacic's old position. Election of new officers has been postponed to the August meeting due to the fact that several members were unable to be here.

What's New?

- » Building Committee: Open forum meetings were held. Many questions regarding the bond availability were raised. Plans are proceeding.
- » Thank you to Dr. McDermott for his years of service to our school and board.
- » May 26th there will be a dinner for Dr. McDermott from 6:00 until 9:00 in St. Clare hall. This is an adults only dinner.
- » Graduation is Thursday, May 20th. Board members are requested to be there if possible. Please be in the vestibule by 5:45pm so the ceremony may begin promptly.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Next meeting will be announced at a later date.