

St Thomas More School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2008
7:00 p.m. Lower School Library

Present: Gwen Eldred, Natalie Dekle, Dennis Egan, Carlos Lima, Sr. Catherine Fee, Matt Sullivan, Scott Remmy, Mary Ann Fallon, Sue Ann Glower, Beth Gunn, Norbert Schneider

Sr. Catherine opened and closed the meeting with prayer. Unanimous approval of the 1/22/08 Meeting Minutes occurred.

Sr. Catherines' Report:

Sister informed the board of morning assembly recognitions and Lenten prayers as well as the results of the Shamrock Tournament. Progress reports were to go home on 2/27/08. Code Blue lock down was practiced and post evaluation of drill found the nurses office needs to be added to the school PA system. Sister also reviewed the current enrollment numbers and as of this date, the school still had 37 openings. It was reported that tuition assistance has a good response thus far.

School Financials and Treasurer's Report:

Enrollment behind what had been projected for the year. With last year's surplus the school pre-purchased new textbooks. The school will be replacing the old text books for 3rd grade next year. The schools' balance sheet was also reviewed. Dennis Egan reviewed the school advertising schedule as well as the mortgage, matching gifts, restricted gifts, endowment and STM surpassed it's goal for the BAA by 10K as of this date.

SAB Presidents' Report:

Matt Sullivan discussed what is a fair use of the facilities and thinking outside the box for a long term financial plan for the school. SAB wants to look for opportunities to improve upon what we have at STM. Discussion ensued about continuous increases year upon year. The SAB needs to look at other alternative income from other sources to assist with continuous increases expected within current model. Families are being encouraged to apply for tuition assistance. The SAB will again conduct the end of school year survey to all families. It will be scheduled for mid April. The suggestion was made to survey families who chose NOT to attend STM and elicit main reason why.

H S A Report:

Successful Catholic Schools Week. Auction scheduled for early March. In 2008/2009 School Year, no more parents will assist with Art/Music or cover for lunch duty. Volunteerism continues to be down and parents will be asked to make commitments to one or two of the main events. The Safety Committee met with the H S A and discussed the process for lock down as well as an update on the upcoming construction project. They will be conducting the riskiest part of the project while the children are out for summer break.

The meeting was adjourned and no meeting would be held in March secondary to Easter Break. The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower School Library.