

Saint Thomas More School Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday October 23, 2007, 7 PM

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Sr. Catherine Fee, Dennis Egan, Sue Ann Glower, Beth Gunn, Doug Zinn, Gwen Eldred, Norbert Schneider, Margy Schmidt, Scott Remy and Matt Sullivan

- The Advisory Board approved meeting notes from our September 25 meeting after several grammatical changes were made to the document.
- Sister reported on several current happenings at the school. Report cards will be out in the near future, both the 6th and 8th grades have completed recent class trips. Sister is in the process of updating textbooks as part of a regular curriculum review cycle. Consumable workbooks are subject to yearly review. First Friday Open House tours are now conducted at 9am due to a time shift in the Friday School Mass Schedule.
- Scott Remy presented the school financials & treasurer's report. These reports are included as an attachment to this document. The school budget process for next year has begun. Scott briefly reviewed the time table associated with same.

Dennis Egan discussed with the board current development initiatives as well as recent advertising/recruitment strategies. Dennis also provided an update regarding the current status of the "One Campaign".

- Sue Ann and Margy discussed preliminary findings as related to research about volunteerism. They have looked as to where documented volunteer hours are expended within the school, the PPP system and the policy and practice at other schools. They will continue to work on this project and report back with further findings. Four major categories of service hours have been identified, Leadership, Fundraiser, Special Events and Classroom Assistance.
- The volunteerism topic led to an engaged discussion concerning volunteerism and bridging a disconnection between the school and church communities. The advisory board discussed possible ways to approach this issue and how the larger parish community might be approached or engaged in volunteerism at the school.
- The school advisory board supported the idea of conducting another end of year survey for this academic year. Time table April 2008.
- Scott Remy briefly discussed the possibility of conducting a parish wide survey seeking information from potential school families. He distributed a potential survey instrument for critique. This item will be brought back for discussion during the November Meeting

Next Meeting: November 27, 2007

