ST. EDWARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
6:00 – 7:30 pm

St. Edward Catholic School exists to provide a comprehensive academic foundation that empowers children in their faith journey by teaching Catholic values while encouraging lifelong service.

I. Opening Prayer
II. Roll Call- Fr. Todd, Jaci, Nikki Traen, Rodney Guza, Jenny Buysse, Adam DeRoode and Ann Longtin
III. Acceptance of Agenda- Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- Changed "agenda" to "minutes"
V. Comments from Audience/Open Forum- None
VI. Review of Budget
    a. Governor's Proposed Budget- Gov added the private schools back into the budget, but will continued to be in discussion during the sessions, so we still are not in the clear.
    b. Next Year – Tuition, Fundraising Goals- Discussed at State of School address.
VII. Unfinished Business
    a. Bus – 4.0: Depending on the state budgets, Mr. Monson informed us that he will still continue to transport St. Edward students. Jaci and Father discussed reaching out to 4.0 busing system about the cost of transportation for our students in Clarkfield, and other towns. Will compare the cost of them transporting vs. St. Edward getting their own bus.
VIII. Reports
A. Principal and Staff Report-Jaci
    a. Staffing- Had one interview for Montessori and the position was offered to the individual but the applicant declined. Another applicant for Montessori called and canceled the interview as they were offered another job. No applicants for PE position.
    b. Summer Care- Start May 27 and have full staff.
    c. Phone/Watches Policy- will allow teachers/staff to ask students to remove phones/watches in the classroom.
    d. Testing for 2025-26- Jaci discussed with staff the NWEA scores. Dioceses require to do NWEA testing during the spring and fall, but will add the AIMS web for reading for K-4grade.
    Going forward will do NWEA in the fall and elementary will do the required AIMS reading in the Fall. Middle School would do the NWEA in the fall and AIMS math and reading in the Fall. Winter- will not do any NWEA, but would do AIMS web with students who were lower on the NWEA testing.
    e. AI for school- Nothing currently in the handbook regarding use of AI. Jaci did take a course on AI to learn more and how it could be used. Jaci plans to work with staff on how we can educate kids on how to use AI properly.
    f. Soda for lunch- Nothing in the wellness policy about soda or energized drinks being brought from home to school for lunch/breakfast.
    g. Catalyst Training- Behavior management model for children's house and 1-2 grade. Were approved for K-8 for next year. This program gives staff tool on how to handle different behaviors in the classroom.
    h. Believe and Read- K-2nd grade reading program, will be expanding to 3-4 grade.
B. Religious Education and Adult Formation/RCIA-
    a. Early Childhood Family Life- No updates
C. PEACE Report- Primetime reading went well. Continue look for new committee members.
D. Scrip Report – No reports
E. Marketing Report – Committee
    a. Enrollment Plan
        i. Kindergarten- 12 individuals
        ii. Preschool- Continue to get phone calls.
        iii. Summer Care- See above
    b. Community Events
        i. Open Gym – Oct. 15 – April 26
        ii. State of the School – May 4 at 4 pm- had a fair turnout
    c. Round Table Discussion
        i. Meeting with local parishes

d. Fundraising- Dodie completed a report for Marathon donations
    i. Anonymous Donor - $2,000-Match- Donor wants the school to raise $2000 and the donor will match the $2000. Discussed ways we can raise the $2000 and what will the money go towards.
e. Promotional Items

F. Technology Report
a. Websites that WOW Scavenger Hunt
b. Technology Lab- Scott still looking for options for updates.
c. Smartboards- No updates

G. Wellness Committee

H. Grants
a. Missoula Children's Theatre – Next CSW – Jungle Book- Don't have the grants, but received the contract. Would do this during Catholic Schools Week. Would do Mardi Gras a week or so earlier. $3900 would be the cost. Jaci will apply for the Missoula grant to help with the cost and will look into other grant options.

I. Building Updates
a. Mini-Split
b. Gym
c. Ramp in honor of Brian and others- continue to wait on bids from Bladholm.
d. Automatic Lights- Rose requested to have these lights in Children's house bathrooms as most kids are not tall enough to reach the light switches. Would just need to have different switches installed. Will reach out to B&B electric

IX. New Business

A. Butterfly Garden- Met with Joe Beisler for his Eagle Scout project- Will give him a go ahead to start his planning and have him come back with his plan.

B. Vitality Report from Diocese- Filled out as a group

X. Prayer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 15, 2025 (Zoom)