ST. EDWARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 18, 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- Fr. Todd Petersen
II. Roll Call- Fr. Todd, Jaci, Nikki Traen, Rodney Guza, Teresa Myhre, Adam DeRoode, Jenny Buysse, Corrisa VanKeulen
III. Acceptance of Agenda
IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- No minutes from January meeting
V. Comments from Audience/Open Forum
VI. Review of Budget
    a. Governor's Proposed Budget- Non- public schools get State funds along with busing- the Governor has proposed to cut these items out of private school's budget. Jaci has spoken with Chris Swedzinski and sent an email to the Governor.
    b. $10,000 Recruit, Retain, and Reward (3R) grant- CSCOE grant we can apply for and used for staffing to help recruit, retain and reward the staffing. Discussed having the teachers creating Amazon wish list.
VII. Unfinished Business
    A. School Bus- There is a 14-passenger bus in Tulsa and we would need to make sure it meets MN bus standards, Jaci will be looking further into it. Currently MN bus website does not have anything available.
VIII. Reports
    A. Principal and Staff Report-Jaci
        a. Stay Interviews- Questions that Jaci does with the staff to get more feedback from the staff. Also provided the staff with their letters of intent.
        b. NCEA for Next Year- This conference will be in the Cities and staff have the option to go. Unsure if any staff will attend at this time.
        c. NAEP(National Assessment of Education Progress) scores- Our school did not take the testing, but this assessment looks at math and reading and compare the Private Schools vs Public Schools. The private schools did score 10-20 points higher than Public Schools.
    B. Religious Education and Adult Formation/RCIA- Confirmation is on March 2. Core retreat in Olivia Feb 22.
        a. Early Childhood Family Life
    C. PEACE Report- None
    D. Scrip Report – Julie- None
    E. ECFL (Early Catholic Family Life)- Birth-5 years program similar to ECFE but faith based for Catholic Schools. 2-hour class session for 8 weeks. Would look at applying for a grant through CSCOE to assist with the program. Would like to send 3 individuals from the parish to get trained. The couple who designed this is from the cities area and presented at the New Ulm meeting where Jaci was present.
    F. Marketing Report – Committee- Discussed possibility of doing an open gym some weekends.
        a. Enrollment Plan
            i. Kindergarten Round Up- March 2
            ii. Ivanhoe- Depending on the status of their school staying open, may want to try to recruit from that area.
        b. Community Events
            i. Children's House Round Up – Sunday, March 2nd
        c. Round Table Discussion
            i. Meeting with local parishes- Encouraged Jaci to go into area schools/area masses to promote schools.
        d. Fundraising
            i. Calendar Fundraiser
            ii. Flurry of Fun- $42,000 estimate of total funds.
            iii. Catholic United Financial- Tickets are out about $2000 has been raised.
            iv. Development Certificate – St. Mary's University and CSCOE- 2 individuals from our school can take classes. 5 classes 8am-3pm at St. Mary's Minneapolis Campus. Application due February 28, 2025. Recommend the principle and staff members to apply to build core companies to help with their ministries.

e. Promotional Items
    i. Mugs for Teachers- Dodie and Trudy got Yeti mugs and had them engraved for each staff member.

G. Technology Report
    a. Websites that WOW Scavenger Hunt- Scavenger of our website and to make sure it is user friendly.

H. Wellness Committee
    a. Meeting- Has not met

I. Grants
    a. Community Facility Grant- Will be around April when we hear back
    b. Safe Routes to School
    c. Missoula Children's Theatre – Next CSW

J. Building Updates
    a. Mini-Split
    b. Gym
    c. Ramp in honor of Brian and others

IX. New Business

X. Prayer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2025