ST. EDWARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 19, 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, Adam DeRoode, Corrisa Vankeulen and Ann Longtin
III. Acceptance of Agenda- Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting-
V. Comments from Audience/Open Forum- None
VI. Review of Budget- No budget to review
VII. Unfinished Business
    a. Bus – 4.0- Jaci visited with Justin at the bus garage and they do not have the means to get the St. Edward students in the Dawson, Montevideo, and Clarkfield area. Jaci is seeking out individuals to drive the van and pick up the students. We only have a vehicle that seats 7, but we are needing a bigger vehicle that accommodates the number of students that will be attending (8 students) Jaci will advertise in the bulletin for drivers. Committee members and Jaci will continue to seek out bus options/vehicles.
VIII. Reports
    A. Principal and Staff Report-Jaci
        a. Staffing- Have a full staff.
        b. Summer Care- There was some days with 23 kids present which is the highest enrollment for summer care. Will plan to continue next summer.
        c. Testing for 2025-26- Will continue to do the NWEA and will also be adding a monitoring component recommended from CISCO and this will be for reading. We will also be adding the religious component in the spring.
        d. Foster Grandparent Program with LSS- 2 foster grandmas, Sue and Caroline. LSS will be cutting funds starting Oct 1, 2025. Both foster grandparents agree to continue if funding cut. Usually, the foster grandparent comes 3 days per week. Discussed if the funding would be cut how we as a school can still support the volunteers to come in.
    B. Religious Education and Adult Formation/RCIA- First day Sept 10, 2025. Still looking for a couple catchiest for a few classrooms. Registration form is online.
        a. Early Childhood Family Life- Has been in the bulletin and no one has offered to take the position.
        b. TMIY- Discussion if they will continue due to finding a leader.
        c. Women's Bible Study- Starting Sept 10
    C. PEACE Report- New members- Shannon Gossen, Ellen Longtin, Nicole Longtin and Jessica Welsh will be taking over.
    D. Scrip Report – No reports
    E. Marketing Report -
        a. Enrollment Plan
            i. Kindergarten- 10 individuals
            ii. Preschool- 12 individuals and most are 5 days/week
            iii. Total enrollment- 58 students and 31 families.
        b. Community Events
            i. Marathon- $36,000 is the goal for upcoming year.
            ii. Parade- Rod will be driving and Dodie and Patrick are working on the float
            iii. Open Gym- Oct 15-April 26 will be on Saturday mornings
            iv. Fun Fest
            v. Calendar Fundraiser- Hoping to have all the information to handout at Alumni Mass to be ready for Sept 5
        c. Round Table Discussion
            i. Meeting with local parishes- Has not happened
        d. Fundraising-
            i. Anonymous Donor -No updates
        e. Promotional Items
    F. Technology Report

a. Websites that WOW Scavenger Hunt- Will try to do it as a group
b. Technology Lab- New computers and still need to be installed. AR is going away and trying a new program for this school year. K-5 grades will have emails and this is to have access to Google Suites and be able to log into Google Classrooms/Programs.
c. Smartboards- Mrs. Doom's smartboard is working

G. Wellness Committee- Need to schedule a meeting

H. Grants
   a. Missoula Children's Theatre- The grant has been submitted, have not back from them on status.

I. Building Updates
   a. Mini-Split
   b. Gym
   c. Ramp in honor of Brian and others- Unsure how much money is in the funds, but unsure how much it will cost without a bid.
      Continue to wait on bids from Bladholm. Jaci is going to reach out to some other contractors to get a bid.
   d. Automatic Lights- Have not been installed. Father will follow up with Eric as there are some lights in the church that need to be fixed.
   e. Butterfly Garden- We have not heard back.

X. Prayer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2025