ST. EDWARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 25, 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, Teresa Myhre, Adam DeRoode, Jenny Buysse, Ann Longtin, and MaryAnn Horner
III. Acceptance of Agenda- Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- Approved
V. Comments from Audience/Open Forum- Discussed AR, see below.
VI. Review of Budget
    a. Governor's Proposed Budget- 2nd proposed budget has continued cuts for private schools. Jaci is sending emails to the governor and other state representatives. If cuts occur it would be about $500/kid. The bigger issues is the lack of transportation for private schools. Discussed putting more information in Parent Letter and on Facebook to make sure more individuals are aware of the concerns with these budget/transportation cuts for private schools.
VII. Unfinished Business
    A. School Bus- Jaci went to Redwood to look at 14 passenger bus. The bus was not in great condition and would need more repairs to meet DOT regulations, therefore passed on it.
VIII. Reports
    A. Principal and Staff Report-Jaci
        a. Field Trips/Pilgrimage-
            i. 7/8 grade- went to vocations jamboree in Bismark, ND.
            ii. 5/6 grade: Going to State Capital and Cathedral and History museum. May 15
            iii. 3 /4 grade: Shetek overnight.
            iv. 1 /2 grade: unknown
        b. Staffing- Laura resigning from PE/Health, will advertise for position.
        Aubree- will not be doing after school program next year.
        All other staff will be returning at this time including Patrick.
        For next year looking for a couple full time aides for preschool and 1 and 2 grade
        c. Summer Care- Got core staff and continue to look for additional staffing.
        d. Preschool- 12 confirmed Kindergartens and 12 confirmed preschools- full time. Depending on numbers of children we will have to look at staffing to meet staff to child ratio for state license/regulations.
        e. AR- MaryAnn discussed AR pros and cons. Staff will review AR and how to proceed. AR does help with comprehension and not having to do book reports.
        Working on updating school's website with FAQ on AR and referring parents to the website.
        Discussed starting individual AR in 3rd grade vs. 1st grade.
    B. Religious Education and Adult Formation/RCIA- No report
        a. Early Childhood Family Life- Presented the opportunity to Faith Okland and will wait to hear back to see if she is interested in doing the program.
    C. PEACE Report- April 25 will be doing Prime Time reading event, PEACE Budget; $2033.38
    D. Scrip Report – Julie- No report
    E. Marketing Report – Committee
        a. Enrollment Plan
            i. Kindergarten- 12 confirmed students
            ii. Preschool- 12 confirmed students
            iii. Summer Care- See above
        b. Community Events
            i. Open Gym – Oct. 15 – May 15- Held two events and had good turnout.
        c. Round Table Discussion
            i. Meeting with local parishes- Jaci wants to meet with area priest about St. Edward's school.
        d. Fundraising
            i. Calendar Fundraiser
            ii. Catholic United Financial- Final ticket sales = $7100

e. Promotional Items

F. Technology Report
   a. Websites that WOW Scavenger Hunt- Encouraged committee members to look online to make sure we have the necessary information.

G. Wellness Committee
   a. Meeting- Have not met.

H. Grants
   a. Community Facility Grant- We did not receive
   b. Missoula Children's Theatre – Next CSW- No updates

I. Building Updates
   a. Mini-Split- No updates
   b. Gym
   c. Ramp in honor of Brian and others- due to not receiving the grant we will move forward on getting a quote from Bladholm Constructions.

IX. New Business

X. Prayer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2025