ST. EDWARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
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 – Adam DeRoode, Rod Guza, Jaci Garvey, Fr. Todd, Ann Longtin, Nikki Traen, Jenny Buysse, Michelle Kramer (New Ulm Dioceses, director of schools) and Corrisa Vankeulen
Tina and Jason Myhre, Nate Welsh, Katie and Matt Boettger, Nicole Longtin, Ellen Longtin, Seth Myhre, Shannon Gossen, Leann Kosmalski
III. Acceptance of Agenda- Accepted, Reviewed role of the education committee
IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- Accepted
V. Comments from Audience/Open Forum- Listened to marathon concerns from the audience attendees.
VI. Review of Budget- Did not review
VII. Unfinished Business
VIII. Reports
- A. Principal and Staff Report-Jaci- Jaci mentioned doing a survey to families. Discussed the previous survey that was completed by families in May 2026 and that committee did not review this survey, what happened with this one?
  - a. Marathon walk discussion- Discussed concerns from the audience
  - b. 2026-27 Field Trips- Requested a month in advance notice so volunteers/parents could get time off of work.
    - i. 7-8 – Bismarck- Shannon Gossen volunteered to chaperone. Trip would be in March. Planning a parent meeting early November- Nov 4 at 5:30pm to discuss logistics.
  - c. Hallow for Education- App- briefly discussed but will re-look at next year for a potential tool teachers can use.
- B. Religious Education and Adult Formation/RCIA- Continue to work with parents to get forms back. 5th grade alter server training on October, 28. Backpack blessing on Nov 4. Sisters will be coming to RE for presentation.
- C. PEACE Report- Papa murphy pizza sales- Oct 29, Trunk or Treat on Oct 31- having a free will donation for hot chocolate and coffee, apparel will be coming out next month working with Erin Abraham to do apparel. Theme; "I am the light of the world."
- D. Scrip Report
- E. Marketing Report – Committee – No discussion
  - a. Enrollment Plan
    - i. Prospective Families
  - b. Community Events
  - c. Mission Statement - Tabled
  - d. Round Table Discussion
  - e. Advancement
    - i. Marathon- Total- $39,668.05
    - ii. Canoe Build- This will start October 27
    - iii. Open Gym- Will revisit once the weather is colder.
  - f. Promotional Items
    - i. T-Shirts
  - g. Newpapers – Ivanhoe Times, Minneota Mascot
- F. Technology Report- No discussion
- G. Wellness Committee – No discussion
- H. Grants
  - a. CSCOE - No discussion
    - i. Preschool
    - ii. General
  - b. Cooler Grant – Up to $45,000 matched- Trudy is working on getting quotes and getting this completed, and this would be for a brand-new cooler.
- I. Building Updates
  - a. Heat – Boiler- Dominck is getting trained for the boiler, but Dan will continue to be on to assist.

b. Gym
    i. Windows, ceiling
c. Ramp in honor of Brian and others – Rod has the plans for the ramp and Rod will continue to work on this project. Joe DeVlaminck got the plans, but we have not heard back from him at this time.
d. Automatic Lights – CH done
e. Rust in Boys Bathroom
f. Doors
g. Shades

IX. New Business -

A. Teacher Retirements- Pension plan being lost. Teachers received a letter informing them of their lump sum amounts. There was a meeting for staff and the question was asked of the dioceses if they were planning of doing fundraisers to assist with this pension loss. Discussed if we could do something locally within our church/school community.

X. Prayer

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2026