

Total Education Board Minutes

September 14, 2026

6pm

Present: Julie Tabor, Brendan Flanagan, Liz Block, Lisa Sterba, Cheryl Erker, Emily Krebs, Sarah Smith, Katie O'Neal, Becky Sluyter, Chris Nelson, Erin Griesman, Patrick Flanery, Kelly Corey, Jessica Dembinski

OPEN SESSION

1. Call meeting to order: Brendan Flanagan
 - a. Opening Prayer:
2. Presidents Report (Brendan Flanagan)

Updates:

 - a. Meeting Dates for 2026-2027
 - i. September 14, November 9, February 8th, April 12
 - b. Sub-Committee assignments
 - i. Would like feedback from the heads of each section on how the Board can help with subcommittees
 - ii. Communication can happen throughout the year
3. Religious Education Committee Report (Cheryl Erker)
 - a. Family Religious Education (FRE) Program:
 - i. Opening 5:30 Family mass was held on September 2nd with Fr. Ryan Lewis
 - ii. Cecelia Fuller new presenter for the Family of Faith Program
 - iii. 75 families registered in the RE program
 - b. Sacrament classes:
 - i. Opening Teacher's meeting was held on August 26th
 - ii. 115 Students registered for classes 1st-8th
 - iii. 26 Homeschool families including Spirit & Grace Academy, Pope John Paul II Academy, & actual homeschool participants-45 students
 - c. New business:
 - i. Confirmation Mass with Archbishop McGovern - Friday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Confirmation Retreat date scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th
Catholic music artist, Steve Angrisano-presenter at St. Roberts
 - iii. 7th Grade Commitment Event -October 6th 6:30 p.m.
 - iv. "Big" Little Jesus blow up statue-available to borrow
 - d. Old Business:
 - i. Mary Cunard, part-time assistant (Monday & Tuesday mornings)
 - ii. Emma Gentrup, Macy Cunard, & Lucy Costello-Wednesday night helpers

4. Youth Group Report (Lauren Mohatt)
 - a. High School Senior Graduate Mass & Breakfast (April 26)
 - i. 30 seniors in attendance with their families
 - b. Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls (June 8-12)
 - i. 300 young campers, 100 middle school + high school volunteers
 - c. YG Summer Nights
 - i. Held 3 informal meetings centered around keeping our youth group engaged over the summer and invited incoming high school freshmen to join in the fun
 - ii. Bid farewell to our graduates headed off to college as well as 4 of my young adult advisors
 - d. Start of our 2026-2027 school year:
 - i. Welcome Night (September 9)
 - ii. Weekly meetings held in the Community Room on Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 pm
5. 5 Day School Report (Chris Nelson)
 - a. Enrollment
 - i. 93% full
 - ii. Discussion regarding priority for enrollment for the 5 day school
 - b. Staffing Changes
 - i. 3rd teacher to assist with large kindergarten class
 - ii. Focusing on small group instruction for literacy and math
 - iii. New resource teachers and working as team for all grades and communicating with parents
 - c. Playground Committee
 - i. Created committee from survey last year of who was interested in helping including planning, vendors, and cost projections
 - d. Feedback from parents re: Accreditation
 - i. How well teachers communicated with parents seemed dependent on grade level
 - ii. Teachers did well sending out weekly newsletters which parents appreciated
 - iii. Suggestion to have older class to team up with incoming parents clarify school information
6. Reed Early Learning Center Report (Katie O'Neal)
 - a. Starting up admissions for next year
 - b. School at full enrollment
 - c. Less kids in pre-school classes, less bottlenecking for incoming kindergarten class at 5 day school
7. Home and School (Angela Cutler)
 - a. Updates
 - i. Open house successful
 - ii. Cardinal Cruise

1. October 2 at 9:30am
 2. Two additional \$2500 level sponsors were added this year, so we will be reworking the sponsor levels for next year since our families are asking for those larger levels to support.
- iii. Trunk or treat
 1. Trunk or Treat is happening on Sunday, October 18 and the Heider Foundation (Erin Russell) sent in a generous gift to underwrite the event/candy costs
8. Parish Council Report (Kristi Kelly)
 - a. Nothing new to report other than what has already been discussed
9. Pastor's Report (Rev. Ryan Lewis)
10. Patrick Flanery
 - a. Business updates:
 - i. Mainelli center updates
 1. New furniture coming!
 - ii. New phone system
 - iii. New door security management system
 - iv. New gym video boards; working on updating sound system in gyms
11. Guest Speakers
12. Committee Breakout
13. Closing Prayer