

Total Education Board Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6pm

Present: Chris Nelson, Cheryl Erker, Jessica Dembinski, Brendan Flanagan, Emily Krebs, Erin Griesman, Sarah Smith, Liz Block, Sarah Grubb, Katie O'Neal, Kristi Kelly, Becky Sluyter

OPEN SESSION

1. Call meeting to order: Jessica Dembinski
 - a. Opening Prayer:

Updates:

- a. Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2025-2026
 - i. February 10, April 14, May 12

2. Presidents Report (Jessica Dembinski)
 - a. In March we will hold interviews for new TEB members
 - i. 2 positions available
3. Religious Education Committee Report (Cheryl Erker)
 - a. Family Religious Education (FRE) Program
 - i. Sacrament of The Holy Eucharist
 - b. Sacrament Program
 - i. 1st grade begins with Mrs. Kathy Coniglio-17 students
 - ii. NEW OCIC group of 4 students
 - c. New business
 - i. Confirmation Minister has changed to Rev. Ryan Lewis
 - ii. The archbishop will not be able to attend due to an unforeseen commitment
 - iii. An email to the parents will be sent out this week
 - d. Old business
 - i. Advent Mass & 1st Communion for 7 OCIC students-over 100 people attended
 - ii. Meeting with a potential Assistant/part-time helper
 1. Will help facilitate the Family of Faith program (update powerpoints, present)
 - e. Personal Development
 - i. Helped with Safe Environment session

4. Youth Group Report (Lauren Mohatt)
 - a. Lauren and the entire Advisor team were able to meet over Christmas break to plan for 2nd semester and brainstorm new ideas.
 - b. YG is back in action tomorrow, January 14th with a scavenger hunt.
 - c. Monthly updates in church bulletin
 - i. Outline the focus of each weekly meeting for people to see ahead of time and plan.
 - d. Expect to see new additions to the parish screens located in the narthex and by the MC. Info on Living Stations, High School Senior Breakfast, VBS, and more!
 - e. Our goal week-after-week is to constantly recruit new members.
 - i. Our team is handwriting notes to high school freshmen that will be delivered to their schools with a little bag of candy. This semester is event-heavy, and we'd love to ensure they remain involved at the parish.
 - f. Save the Dates!
 - i. Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 27th @ 2:15pm and Sunday, March 29th @ 2:00pm
 - ii. High School Senior Breakfast: Sunday, April 26th after 9:30am Mass
 - iii. Vacation Bible School: June 8-12 (morning and afternoon sessions available); Registration to open in March

5. 5 Day School Report (Chris Nelson)
 - a. Enrollment Update
 - i. As of 1/13, 80% of current students have re-enrolled for next year
 1. Reminders, phone calls, etc. will take place to get everyone registered
 - ii. New family enrollment begins January 16
 1. Project several grades to be at capacity (Preschool, PreK, K, 5, 6 & 8)
 2. 1st grade may have one opening
 3. Grades 2, 3, & 7 will have no more than 5 seats available
 - iii. We will be around 90% full capacity next year which is higher
 - b. Accreditation Update
 - i. Visit Dates:
 1. March 23: Zoom interviews
 2. March 24: On campus
 - ii. Meet with various stakeholder groups
 1. Will have an interview with 4-5 TEB members
 - a. If interested in being a part of the interview process, please reach out

- b. Questions pertain to continuous improvement, professional learning opportunities, strengths, opportunities for growth, how do our families describe our school, etc.
- c. Staff PD Update
 - i. Course at UNO on Science of Reading
 - 1. All k-3 teachers (classroom, resource, special education, administration) are taking this
 - a. Participants get 3 credits towards a masters or a stipend for enrolling
 - b. Eventually all K-3 teachers in the state of Nebraska will be required to take this course
 - c. This has been a wonderful opportunity for collaboration
 - 2. January 16 Professional Development
 - a. Tier 1 Instruction
 - i. What do we do when kids get it, don't get it, etc. in the classroom
 - b. Digging into data more
 - i. Will have data from STAR assessments taken in January
 - 3. February 6 Professional Development
 - a. Reunification Plan
 - i. Stronghold

- 6. Reed Early Learning Center Report (Katie O'Neal)
- a. Open Enrollment is currently taking place
 - i. At full capacity already
- b. Planning for PreK graduation
- 7. Home and School Report (Angela Cutler)
- a. Monetary gifts were given to teachers & staff
 - i. We received many beautiful thank you notes
- b. Planning for Catholic schools week is underway
 - i. January 25-30
 - ii. Volunteer [signup genius](#)
 - iii. Pancake Man Sunday
 - iv. Spirit Week for students
 - v. Music bingo night on Wednesday, January 28th 6:10-7:30 pm
 - vi. Book Fair
- c. Staff socials & appreciation Lunches are going great
 - i. We have received LOTS of positive feedback
 - ii. Thanks to the Staff Appreciation Team
- d. Upcoming dates

- i. Father Daughter GLOW Dance is set for Friday, April 24
- ii. Mother Son Event - February TBD (will publish date by end of this week)
- iii. Father son Event TBD- Prehistoric Putt this spring

8. Parish Council Report (Kristi Kelly)

- a. Actively encouraging nonprofit organizations to respond to our request for Bella Festa Tithe application
 - i. Details in Bulletin
 - ii. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 13, 2026
- b. O.C.I.A.
 - i. 27 individuals are participating at this time from St. Robert Bellarmine and Christ the King parishes

9. Maureen Moseman

- a. Bella Festa 2026
 - i. Saturday, February 28
 - ii. All are welcome to [attend this community- focused event](#)
 - iii. What's New & Featured this Year
 - 1. Raffle – Win a Free Year of Tuition
 - a. Chance to win one year of free tuition for a St. Robert Bellarmine student. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance, with the winner drawn on Friday, February 27 and announced on the night of Bella Festa.
 - 2. Wish Lists
 - a. Make it easy for parishioners to donate specific items needed for the silent auction and games of chance, helping us fill key needs efficiently that several volunteers have curated.
 - 3. Sign- Up Parties
 - a. Continue to be a major focus, offering parishioners the opportunity to gather in smaller settings while supporting Bella Festa through host-led events.
 - 4. Tickets and Seating
 - a. Assigned seating
 - b. Guests may purchase individual tickets for \$125 or reserve a table of 8 for \$1,000.
 - c. Those purchasing individual tickets are welcome to request who they would like to sit with. If no requests are provided, we will happily do our best to seat guests with fellow parishioners to ensure a welcoming and enjoyable evening.
 - 5. If you would like to help
 - a. [Silent Auction](#)

- i. Our silent auction committee is looking for specific items that will be included in baskets and packages for the auction.
- b. Game of Chance
 - i. Our committee is looking for donations of \$25 minimum gift card or higher in any amount you choose. Popular options include Target, Amazon, grocery stores, restaurants, fast food, shopping retailers.
 - c. Wine and Alcohol Pull
 - i. Looking for donations of wine or higher- value spirits/ alcohol
 - d. Host or Cohost a Sign Up Party

10. Pastor's Report (Rev. Ryan Lewis)

11. Guest Speakers

a. None

12. Committee Breakout

13. Closing Prayer