

MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**Our Mission:** Committed to the formation of community, academic excellence and the spiritual and physical well-being of each student in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

**Our Vision:** We are the school of choice for an excellent Catholic faith based education within the Chippewa Falls area. We welcome all families to be a part of our school community no matter their faith or financial means. In partnership with our parents, we form the whole child in support of our values and mission. Our vision of the whole child consists of a lifelong learner, who upon graduation, is academically prepared for post-secondary education and career, grounded in relationship with Jesus Christ, balanced physically and emotionally, and actively engages as servant leaders in family, parish, and civic communities.

# Education Commission Meeting **Summary** Wednesday December 13, 2017 5:30 p.m.

Conference Room 1

AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome	Scott	
Prayer	Fr Kizewski	Prayer led by Fr Kizewski
Review of October minutes	Scott	Consensus
Review Mission/Vision Statement Review evidence of the last month	Mary All	<ul> <li>Reviewed entire mission</li> <li>Student is leading and representing MACS for the Pro-Life March</li> <li>Elementary student bought an ornament off "The Giving Tree" for another student that could not afford the one she wanted to buy for her family</li> <li>SC Christmas Concert – MACS mom donates Christmas dress to a kindergarten girl that did not have one</li> <li>Fr Kizewski bumped into a MACS family at the Christmas Tree farm and the student referred to Fr Kizewski as his "Mass" teacher</li> <li>HG student was not feeling well but did not want to leave Mass because he wanted to hear Fr Kizewski's sermon</li> <li>Sean Hanson, Band Director had to leave school and Senior Student was able to step in and lead the band in his absence</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>CONSENT AGENDA</li> <li>Minutes</li> <li>Financials</li> <li>Principals Reports</li> <li>Academic Affairs and Accreditation</li> </ul>	Scott	Items were pulled out. See below
Items moved off Consent Agenda for further discussion		<ul> <li>Cell Tower money will go to hiring a Technology Specialist to assist Val Knobloch, Director of IT</li> <li>Catholic Schools Week – February 1 other</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>schools will visit McDonell including St Peters, St Pauls, St Joseph from Boyd and St Joseph from Menomonie. Possible 800 students in the building. They will attend Mass and watch the MACS play "Wizard of Oz" along with other activities through the day</li> <li>Brian proposed a new schedule for the high school for 2018-2019. Please refer any comments to him by December 18,2017</li> <li>Mary was in Marshfield the week prior helping with accreditation</li> </ul>
Standing Committees		
<ul> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Update on Plan</li> </ul>	Michelle/Jaynee	Reviewed the proposed referral program in
<ul> <li><u>Tuition Committee</u></li> <li>Recommendation – Send to Bishop</li> </ul>	Tracy/Scott	<ul> <li>great detail</li> <li>Introduce new referral program to community January 15, 2018</li> <li>Handed out referral post cards at MACS</li> </ul>
Facilities (Building and Grounds) St Charles Parish Center Plans	Scott	<ul> <li>Christmas concerts</li> <li>Tuition freeze and cap remains for 2018- 2019 school year</li> </ul>
School Improvement Action (SIT) Results - November 17th	Molly/Mary	<ul> <li>MACS hired Justin Langel as Head of Maintenance</li> <li>St Charles Parish moving forward with new Parish Center</li> <li>School Improvement Team meeting December 15</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Old Business</li> <li>Commission Goals- Commission member training discussion</li> <li>Review Committee &amp; Club goal statements</li> <li>Commission Calendar Items for November         <ul> <li>Tuition Recommendation</li> <li>Parish support</li> <li>Foundation support</li> <li>Development events</li> <li>Projected Enrollment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Scott	
<ul> <li>New items</li> <li>Life Insurance Policy transfer to Foundation</li> </ul>	Jeff	• Policies have been transferred. Foundation will be cashing out one policy. Asked for direction from the Commission. Will use to replace at least on of the MACS Vans.
DRAFT School Calendar	Brian	<ul> <li>Reviewed rough draft calendar for the 2018- 2019 school year will add Monday after Easter as part of the Easter Celebration.</li> </ul>
President Update <ul> <li>Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	Jeff	Working on cleaning it up. Fr. Kizewski and Jeff will work on the Catholic Identity piece after the start of the new calendar year.
NEXT Education Commission Mtg.		February 15, 2017 5:30 PM
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	Glory Be

#### Membership

Atten	d Name	Expertise	Role
Х	Scott Sokup	Account Manager – Weyerhaeuser Corp	Chair - Holy Ghost Rep.
Х	Michelle Farrow	Chamber of Commerce and Parent	Vice Chair – Notre Dame
EX	Molly Bushman	Attorney - Wiley Law S.C.	Holy Ghost Parish Rep.
Х	Tracy Fischer	Dir. Of Social Service for Neighbors of Dunn Cty.	Holy Ghost Parish Rep.
Х	Mike Crawford	ACCESS Security – Sales and Estimating	Notre Dame Parish Rep.
Х	Scott Siegenthaler	UW – Claire Career Counselor	Notre Dame Parish Rep.
Х	Gina Smiskey	Day Care Center owner	St. Peter Parish Rep.
Х	TJ Proue	Attorney - Wiley Law S.C.	St. Charles Parish Rep.
Х	Regina Geissler	Registered Nurse - HSHS	St. Charles Parish Rep.
			St. Charles Parish Rep.
			Sacred Heart Church Rep.
			St. John the Baptist Church
			St. Paul Church Rep.
			St. Bridget Church Rep.
			Holy Cross Church Rep.

#### **Ex-Officio**

Х	Fr. Kizewski	Holy Ghost Church	Dean
Х	Fr Burish	Notre Dame Church	Pastor
EX	Fr. Miller	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
Х	Kayla Bahnub	St. Charles/Holy Ghost Elementary	Principal
Х	Brian Schulner	Notre Dame MS/McDonell HS	Principal
Х	Jaynee Brannen	St. Charles Borromeo Early Childhood	Director
Х	Mary Huffcut	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
Х	Bob Konop	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller
Х	Jeff Heinzen	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
Х	Diane Hietpas	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Support Coordinator

#### GUESTS

I	Х	Kathy Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Executive Assistant
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### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

St Charles Early Childhood (SCEC) - Jaynee Brannen

- Christmas parade was a success. At least 110 hits on Facebook
- Soup Supper marketing event. 16 families showed/ 3 potential new families
- ECERS Observation -annual 4K resource requirement with Chippewa Public.. Samantha Jandourek received an excellent observation
- BB4C Winter Program/Open House February 8

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Elementary – Kayla Bahnub

- St. Charles, students and teachers have worked very hard to put on an Advent program, which took place last night, Dec. 12. Students performed songs and a Nativity play.
- On November 28, in conjunction with St. Charles Early Childhood, we put on a Soup Supper for current 4K and Kindergarten families. It was such a wonderful night! Parents had the opportunity to meet one another, students had the chance to see the kindergarten classrooms and meet the teachers, and we all ate some really wonderful soup! Thank you to all the early childhood and food service staff who helped make this event a success!
- We are continuing our work with our Superkids curriculum via virtual coaching sessions. Teachers video recorded lessons, reflected on lessons and methods for improvement, and then

shared suggestions with Lisa Darling, an expert from Superkids. This has been very productive for our professional growth.

- Holy Ghost, we will host our Advent program tomorrow night. Students have been working very hard to put on a spectacular show. On December 7.
- Holy Ghost hosted the WQOW Weather Academy with Nick Grunseth. Thank you to HandS for putting on this wonderful event!
- Holy Ghost students were also featured saying the Pledge of Allegiance on WAXX 104.5 the week of Dec. 4-8. They did a fantastic job!
- Teachers have been hard at work researching a new ELA program for grades 3-5. We plan to pilot the ReadyGEN English Language Arts program in February.

## McDonell Central Catholic High School – Brian Schulner

- The play this year is the Wizard of Oz. Cast and crew have been selected. Sets are being built and rehearsals being held. The play will be performed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday February 2-4. The dress rehearsal will be performed for our Catholic Schools Celebration on February 1st.
- A new schedule (that will work) has been proposed to staff and parents. It incorporates all four blocks but introduces 2- 43 minute class periods to separate band and choir. Every student will be required to take a 43-minute course at mid-day. The other 43 minute class is at the end of the day which will be an all school resource period with every teacher available to assist students. The only class running that period will be choir. Staff have had some concerns and we have made some adjustments. Putting two "regular" class periods in took time off the blocks. We propose the high school going until 3:30 p.m. next year. I have had a dozen or so responses from parents. They support the change. We are working on updating the course handbook along with adding some new courses.
- Community day is Friday December 22, 2017. Tradition will continue with the high school students going out and performing service to their community.
- On December 22nd the Notre Dame Middle School Students have been offered the opportunity to go see "Star" an animated movie (from the animal's perspective) of the nativity. Students were given the expectations that need to be maintained until the 22nd to earn attendance.
- We will again be hosting surrounding schools to celebrate Catholic Schools Week on February 1st. We are welcoming Menomonie Saint Joseph Elementary this year as they intend to bring over 110 students to the McDonell Campus. A mass is planned, fun activities for the elementary students and a performance of the Wizard of OZ for upper grades during the afternoon.