



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.

JOINT EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday November 14, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Media Center – Project Lead the Way Lab

AGENDA	LEADER	NOTES
GATHERING – hors d'oeuvres	Jeff Heinzen Scott Sokup	
Welcome and Introductions	Jeff Heinzen Heidi Eliopoulos	Staff, CFUSD Board members, and the Education Commission introduced themselves.
Prayer	Fr Justin Kizewski	Prayer of reflection
Presentations Chippewa County Human Services <i>Integration of service systems – Moving the Needle</i> Overview: Have you ever worked with a youth whose classroom struggles seem related to outside influences? With certainty, I am sure we have all interacted with a youth who has been impacted by outside factors. Have you ever wondered if the youth was connected to services within the community that could have addressed those concerns? This quick presentation will discuss how integrative service systems allow everyone involved in a youth's life to work together on common goals to achieve positive outcomes.	Jeff Heinzen Larry Winter – Director of Chippewa County Human Services Connie Fedie – Lead Social Worker	Larry Winter and Connie Fedie were introduced and provided an overview of the project that the Human Services Department is working on with a grant from the Kresge Foundation. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of interviews with clients and listening vs. telling • How Dakota County, MN went to the MN Legislature to get the ability to share simple demographic information across providers including schools. • Q & A
Adjourn & Convene to Individual Meetings		Adjourned at 6:00 PM

MACS - EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Thursday November 14, 2017
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AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Reconvene for Education Commission Meeting Fr. Kizewski – Reflection on October Commission Meeting	Fr. Kizewski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Kizewski referred to the passionate conversation at the last Commission meeting. He was concerned that some of those in attendance may have interpreted his comments wrongly. He clarified that he thinks MACS is doing a great job guiding our children/students in the Catholic faith. Academics and Catholic Identity are in the forefront and through the process of Strategic Planning, of writing down the process - the exigencies we can move forward. We need to be intentional about our language. There has been a committee formed to look over the Strategic Plan and to make sure that this recognizes the inputs of all who provided input.
Review Mission/Vision Statement Review evidence of the last month	Mary All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus tonight is on welcoming all families/students no matter their faith or financial means. For a first time, 10 students from St Pauls' Elementary school in Bloomer participated in the ND/McD band concert along with the MACS students Thank you to Laurie Francis(St Paul's) and Sean Hanson (McD/ND) for bringing the two bands together and we look forward to this being an ongoing tradition. MACS was blessed with an endowment of \$15,000 per building elementary and middle school for a total of \$45,000 to be used towards tuition assistance. Several International students are not Catholic; some may even not practice Christianity. Most desire to come to the US to better their English to help prepare for their future. To help them through the process of being in a Catholic school, a Christian Foundation class has been created to help teach them the basics of Catholic religion A second class created for International students is Introduction to English
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes Financials Principals Reports Academic Affairs and Accreditation 	Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent Agenda approved, with a pull out of the minutes.
Items moved off Consent Agenda for further discussion		October minutes were reviewed and consensus was achieved.
Standing Committees <u>Marketing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Plan 	Reggie/ Tracey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Reggie Geissler and Tracey Smiskey representing the Marketing committee. Marketing has spent the last five years focusing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on branding and Choice. • Cost is number one response in a survey to Religious Education families as to why people are not sending their children to MACS • Reggie and Tracey presented recommendations for the 2018-2019 school year. The recommendations will go to finance on November 30 asking for approval • Strategies for communication include: parish and priests, mailings to religious education families, non-profit organizations, Facebook advertising and tv/radio ads in collaboration with the Diocese of La Crosse • Goal is to present plan to families during Catholic Schools Week • Reminder that a proficient amount of research into any ideas are necessary • Along with cost, retaining families especially in BB4C will be a focus
<u>Tuition Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 	Scott/Tracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition Committee are in support of the Marketing Plan
<u>Facilities (Building and Grounds)</u>	Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update with facilities
<u>School Improvement Action (SIT) Meeting November 17th</u>	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement team meeting Friday, November 17 at 1:00 in conference room 1
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Goals- Commission member training discussion • Commission Calendar Items for November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint School Board meeting – Initial presentation of proposed tuition for 2018/19 	Scott	Tabled
New items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Update for 2018/19 	Brian/Archie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled
President Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan • Advancement Director • Marketing/Enrollment Intern 	Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee asked that Strategic Plan be delivered to Commission by March/April. • Position for Events Coordinator has been accepted • Intern for Marketing has been filled by Rillie Zwiefelhofer '15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of NEW Commissioner 	Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new Notre Dame Rep. Scott Siegenthaler. Scott's wife Val teaches gym and Spanish at the elementary level and they have four children in the system. Scott works for UWEC
NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Committee & Club goal statements 		December 13, 2017 5:30 PM
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glory Be and Blessing by Fr Kizewski

Membership

Attend	Name	Expertise	Role
X	Scott Sokup	Account Manager – Weyerhaeuser Corp	Chair - Holy Ghost Rep.
X	Michelle Farrow	Chamber of Commerce and Parent	Vice Chair – Notre Dame
X	Molly Bushman	Attorney - Wiley Law S.C.	Holy Ghost Parish Rep.
X	Tracy Fischer	Dir. Of Social Service for Neighbors of Dunn Cty.	Holy Ghost Parish Rep.
X	Mike Crawford	ACCESS Security – Sales and Estimating	Notre Dame Parish Rep.
X	Scott Siegenthaler	UW – Claire Career Counselor	Notre Dame Parish Rep.
X	Gina Smiskey	Day Care Center owner	St. Peter Parish Rep.
X	TJ Proue	Attorney - Wiley Law S.C.	St. Charles Parish Rep.
X	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

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

GUESTS

X	Kathy Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Executive Assistant

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

St Charles Early Childhood (SCEC) – Jaynee Brannen

- Will be welcoming Sheyanne Ressler to our team. She will be floating between after school care and the four-year-old classroom.
- SCEC will be in the Bridge to Wonderland Parade on Saturday, December 2nd. All are welcome to walk with us on this day.
- SCEC is hosting a soup supper for all 4K & K families on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Elementary – Kayla Bahnum

- **At Holy Ghost**, we recently celebrated All Saint’s Day with a wonderful party. Students dressed in costumes and played games such as “Canonize the Saint” ring toss, Saint’s bingo, and decorated saint cookies.
- Hosted a Veteran’s Day Program at noon on Nov. 10. The Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council will meet with Holy Ghost students outside around the flagpole. The program includes a short talk about Veteran’s Day, a flag raising, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of

taps. Students made thank you cards for the Patriotic Council and veterans currently residing at the Chippewa Manor.

- We are currently researching a new (English, Language, Arts) ELA curriculum for grades 3-5. We will be piloting this new program in the spring and making a final decision before the school year ends. This will enable us to update our resources and better differentiate ELA instruction.
- **At St. Charles**, we recently celebrated Halloween with a costume parade and a visit to the Rutledge Home. Students sang Halloween themed songs and made cards for the residents. The residents were cheered up by all the cute costumes!
- We are also receiving more training in our Superkids (ELA) curriculum. Lisa Darling from Superkids visited November 9 & 10. She observed and coached each teacher individually as they taught lessons. We also sent three teachers to Wausau to observe other teachers teaching the curriculum.

McDonell Central Catholic High School – Brian Schulner

Football Update:

Is there interest? Yes! After talking with students (current interest) **for 18-19** we have:

5-9th graders, 3-10th graders, 2-11th graders, 7-12th graders

At this point we have 17 students at the high school level to play 8 man football for the 18-19 season.

At the middle school we have 15 - 8th graders to play MS 8 man football. Meaning the future is bright.

Will we be a member of a conference?

Last year we applied to the Lakeland Conference and were declined. We again applied to the Lakeland for 18-19 because it is the most logical conference for our location. We are being diligent in presenting our rationale and need for being in the conference. It is vital to re-establishing our football program. The Commissioner for the Lakeland Conference is Curt Zamzow from Northwood. His e-mail is

curt_zamzow@northwoodk12wi.com

How do we build enthusiasm and maintain interest in football with our athletes throughout 17-18 without a program?

We are working with ETS Chippewa Valley/Sports Performance training, <http://www.etscv.com/>

They are working with our athletes conditioning on a twice a week basis. We have 15-18 athletes showing up for these trainings.

Should we hire a head coach?

Yes! It is important that we put a face on the program now (paid) to build interest, build relationships, build enthusiasm and motivate our athletes. **The position is posted.**

Scheduling 18-19

Yes it's time to start thinking about next year. The request has gone out to teachers for updated course descriptions and new course offerings for 2018-2019. Mrs. Proue has already started meeting with students and parents to get class requests in for the 18-19 school year. We have not given up on the idea of separating band and choir and introducing a "skinny class" scenario to our block schedule. It is in the works.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, patience and understanding as I recover from surgery last month. I am back partial days (still need the afternoon nap) and getting stronger every day. Good news is they got what they went in for and are expecting me to fully recover.