



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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.

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.

Education Commission Summary

December 17 5:30 p.m.

McDonell Central Catholic High School Library

AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome	TJ Proue	
Prayer	Priest	
Review Mission/Vision Statement Review evidence of the last month	Mary All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with six graduates, all appreciate their MACS education, felt totally prepared for college• Christmas programs were all a success
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes - emailed• October Financials See following below <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principals Reports – Below• Academic Affairs and Accreditation	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus on November minutes
Items removed by Commission from Consent Agenda for discussion	Staff as requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• .No items removed
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Parish and Student Reps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holy Ghost: regarding alter server training and availability• Recognition for a great McDonell Band/Choir concert• Nothing from St Charles
Standing Committees <u>Marketing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referral Program status• Choice Deadlines 2/3 – 4/16/20• 2020-21 Enrollment live 1/27/20 <u>Facilities (Building and Grounds)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility Studies• Front entrance project	Chad/Molly Scott/John	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referral program will continue for the 2020-2021 school year• Choice – dates are slightly different than the past• Reviewed Choice qualifications• Feasibility Study – there was a walk through last week through St Charles and Holy Ghost

<p><u>Ad Hoc: Tuition Task Force</u> *Present 2020-21 tuition proposal for approval</p> <p><u>Ad Hoc: Long Range Planning</u> *Update on first meeting</p>	<p>Regi</p> <p>Andrew/ Scott Sieg.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front Entrance – CBS2 contract (drawings in February and work in summer) • Storage plan • Tuition – see attached memorandum (recommendation from tuition task force and finance committee) • Consensus on tuition for 2020-2021 • Long range planning – 12/07/19 – first meeting • Mission is to provide five to seven year plan by May • Waiting on results from feasibility study • Notre Dame would like a school onsite
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Schools Speaker Event – meeting to follow • Catholic ID committee update 	<p>TJ/Justus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Hanson is the chair • Erin Brick is the representative from Education Commission
<p>Presidents Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Ghost/St. Charles teacher perception surveys • Patronal Feast Day was Dec. 9 • Catholic Schools Week – need speakers at Masses • Bishop’s Mass 1/29/20 9:30 a.m. • Protect Young Eyes 	<p>Eric W.</p> <p>Molly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perception survey: relative to retention, sample questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do teachers feel supported 2. Do they feel they have a voice 3. Is their time respected 4. Are their needs being met 5. • McD student representative volunteered to present at St Bridget • Please send follow up and suggestions • Education Commission members invited to attend the Bishop’s Mass during Catholic School’s week on January 29 @ 9:30 a.m. • Protect Young Eyes – will meet with CFAUSD Heidi Eliopoulos in January
<p>New items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Calendar Items for January • Approve preliminary 2020-21 Budget to go to Diocese in Feb. • Advancement/Campaign/Marketing Report (Jaynee B.) 	<p>TJ</p>	
<p>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</p>		<p>Next meeting - January 16, 2020, 5:30 PM</p>
<p>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</p>	<p>Priest</p>	

Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C.	Chair/ St Charles Rep
X	Justus Busse	Chippewa Falls Fire Department Inspector	Vice Chair/St Charles Rep

X	Diane Boettcher	Teacher	
EX	Chad Bormann	Bormann Counseling IT	St Bridget Rep
X	Erin Brick		Holy Ghost rep
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations	Notre Dame Rep
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Fransesca Resource Center	Notre Dame Rep
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance	All Saints Rep
X	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County	Holy Ghost Rep
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep
X	Ann Mitchell		St John's Rep
X	Andrew Ruf		Holy Cross Rep
EX	Scott Siegenthaler	Interim Assistant Director Financial Aid	Notre Dame Rep
X	Gina Smiskey		St Peter's Rep
X	Scott Sokup	Retail Category Mngr Weyerhauser Corp	Holy Ghost Rep

Ex-Officio

X	Fr Kizewski	Holy Ghost Church	Dean
EX	Fr Burish	Notre Dame Church	Pastor
X	Fr Hokamp	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
EX	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Assistant
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	John Van Den Berg	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Business Controller
EX	Jamie Dodge	St Charles Early Childhood	Director
X	Eric Wedemeyer	St Charles/Holy Ghost Elementary	Principal
X	Brian Schulner	Notre Dame MS/McDonell HS	Principal

Guests

Principal Reports

Brian Schulner Notre Dame and McDonell

Course Handbooks for McDonell Central Catholic High School are being updated and should be in student's hands to review over Christmas break. Registration for classes for 2020-21 school year will begin in January.

Congratulations to both Notre Dame and McDonell Central Catholic High School bands and choirs, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Neppi on very well done Christmas concerts. They were truly enjoyable and set the stage for a blessed holiday season.

On Thursday December 12th the entire middle school was given a presentation from Nordson "Tech Time". Students had the opportunity to be a part of science before their eyes demonstrations. The students also participated in an essay contest. Congratulations to Owen Elstrand, Miriam Trotter and Morgan Wirtz, whose successful essays won them each an IPAD. For our school participating, Nordson also gives our middle school science department a generous monetary donation.

When I reflect on my time as principal of what I consider to be an awesome school, I have many fond memories. The road has had bumps and many challenges along the way. The rewards have far outweighed the challenges. All of the experiences the past years have contributed in some way to ensuring we offer our students the best education. I believe we have a unique place for students to learn through loving and living. Be always sure to say something positive about your school. Here's to a safe, blessed Christmas and looking forward to a new year.

Eric Wedemeyer St Charles and Holy Ghost

Advent musical performances

Holy Ghost held their annual Advent performances on Tuesday, Dec. 10. There were two performances. One at 12:30 and the other at 5:30. The performance consisted of nine musical numbers. Six of them were sung by the entire 4-6 grade student body. Two songs were played by the 5th grade band and one song was performed by some 5th grade students and three percussionists. This song, "Bethlehem Medley," was composed and arranged by the students themselves. A wonderful job by our students and also by our Band director Stephanie Solberg and our Music teacher, Julia Jilek-Proue.

St. Charles held their performances on Thursday, Dec. 12. The first performance was at 12:30 and the other at 5:30. Their program was a wonderful arrangement of songs sung by each grade and small groups. Students also performed solo musical numbers and read short stories and poems. A nativity scene was recreated to conclude the pageant. Congratulations to our extraordinary music teacher Bekka Beaufeaux on composing yet another great performance!

At each school's performance our K-5 Art teacher Mrs. Beaufeaux displayed some wonderfully creative works of Art by all of our students. All of the shows were well attended by family and friends. At all four performances, there were short mentions of the success of the MACS referral program and our intentions for it to continue.

Advent emphasis in both schools

During the Christmas season it seems easier and easier these days to overlook the true meaning of the season. All of the teachers in our schools have put forth much effort to emphasize to our students the true meaning of the Advent season. Our students were immersed with the concept of preparation during these past few weeks.

Jamie Dodge Early Childhood

- BB4C Soup Supper was in November and was a great success.
- BB4C has their Christmas Concert on December 17th at 6pm.
- St. Charles Early Childhood Center has 9 new families so far this year.
- Enrollment: BB4C: 36 / EC: 38 / Supers: 57

Mary Huffcutt Dean of Academics

Dean of Academics

- Continued to pull in data/information for self-review for accreditation. Developing plan for distribution and next steps.
- Developing online training modules for new teachers
- Developing training modules for effective literacy education
- Recording effective teaching opportunities that are happening in the classroom
 - ie Mr. Pauley's 6th grade science class read the segment of the story of Goldilocks where the porridge was too hot, too cold, and just right. How could this be scientifically correct? Students put oatmeal in different containers and monitored the heat loss via thermometer to draw conclusions of what type of bowls the bears may have had. Really engaging discussions.

Student Support Services Coordinator

- SNSP operating at full capacity: 16 students and 2 FTE staff plus Diane

- Title services may be in place for second semester at both elementary schools and the middle school.
- Winter benchmarks will take place the third week in January at both elementary schools and the middle school.