



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

February 18, 2020 – 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

Welcome and Call to Order	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer led by Fr Burish
Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach for Christ Missions visited the Campus - Looking forward to their feedback
Review Mission and Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission/Vision: please bring examples to the February meeting for evidence on the following “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 community” 	TJ/All	
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes – emailed Financials Facilities 	TJ All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus Multiple appreciative call-outs that the MACS staff has stepped up to make things happen when they can

<p>See following below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principals Reports ● Early Childhood Report ● Academic Affairs and Accreditation ● Enrollment 		<p>easily say “no, we can’t do it this year because of the pandemic” ex: play, jump rope contest, Catholic School Week, Lent celebrations (burying the Alleluia)</p>
<p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p>	<p>Staff as requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin Brick Holy Ghost reviewing what does parish life look like going forward (community, mass, events) ● Holy Ghost painting the parish ● McDonnell looks forward to publishing a school newspaper
<p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guest Presentation: Technology <p><u>Ad hoc Pandemic Steering Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dashboard update ● Virtual learning policy 	<p>Val Knobloch</p> <p>Molly/TJ/All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see attached Commission Technology Report ● Considering multiple channels for streaming ● Chromebook policy states the lifespan of the chromebook is a four year life cycle. ● Category 2 e-rate covers a five year period ● Work Tickets - increase year after year. This year could be due to the age of the chromebooks ● Technology hired two assistants. A huge benefit is that MACS can now support a technician in each building ● Val will be looking at going part time and working towards retirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pandemic Committee - MACS goal is to offer a vaccination clinic in March ● If staff is fully vaccinated, staff will no longer need to quarantine ● What does next year look like - we are reviewing a goal to come back as normal as possible

Commission Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal Review ● President Evaluation 	TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please email TJ if you have not received the president review from the Diocese.
President's Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mid-Year Goal/Strategic Plan Progress Report 2020-21 ● Podcast/virtual tours 	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall, mid year and spring report. Molly presented the mid year review ● Safe environment task force ● Student Success Team: Brick to Click support, Covid dashboard on the website, student engagement during pandemic, continue to provide quality food, EC curriculum, faith formation ● Operations: review Val's report from tonight, technology plan becoming aligned with curriculum needs, enrollment update from Kathleen - expecting significant growth again for 2021-2022, virtual marketing coming soon along with an updated Witness the Difference video, June 12 event to replace Mardi Gras event for 2021, update employee review process and job descriptions, staffing with a healthy environment
NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marketing and Advancement Report 	TJ/All	Thursday, March 25, 2021 5:30 p.m. *We need to reschedule because this is the feast of the Annunciation. March 23?* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please add Meitler discussion to March meeting
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	●

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	Tracy Bormann		St Bridget Rep
X	Erin Brick	Homemaker	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

EX	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County	Holy Ghost Rep
EX	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep
X	Andy Shakal	Senior Experimental Engineer, Electro-Motive	St John's Rep
	Vacant		Holy Cross Rep
X	Andrew Ruf	Financial Advisor	Sacred Heart Rep
X	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid	Notre Dame Rep
X	Gina Smiskey	Homemaker	St Peter's Rep
			Holy Ghost Rep
X	Elise Bormann	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative
X	Paige Smiskey	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative

Ex-Officio

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

Guests

X	Val Knobloch	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Technology Director
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Administrator Reports Enrollment

Grade	Total Students 2020-2021	Total Students Enrolled 2021-2022	New Students 2021-2022	Inquiring Students 2021-2022
K	31	15	15	9
1-2	72	33	1	4
3-5	95	65	5	3
6-8	115	69	5	8
9-12	155	80	7	9
Total	468	262	33	33

- We have 199 current students remaining to enroll for 2021-2022.
- Our greatest marketing need is to continue to focus on Kindergarten
- Anticipating that next year's freshman class will be over 50. We have not had a class this size since 2015-2016
- Request that families enroll by March 5, 2021

- Enrollment fee will increase to \$150 March 8, 2021

Early Childhood

- 28 children enrolled in 21-22 BB4C since enrollment opened on February 1
- Open House on Feb. 25th for prospective 3-year-old children and current BB4C families inquiring about MACS kindergarten
- We are establishing a leadership team in early childhood to collectively select a new curriculum

St Charles and Holy Ghost Catholic Schools week highlights

Monday - “In our Community” - Students created classroom penpals in our community. Dressed in MACS spirit wear

Tuesday - “Vocations” - Students made cards and video messages to seminarians. Dressed like what they want to be when they grow up. Watched Bishop Callahan’s special CSW homily from today’s mass in their classrooms.

Wednesday - “In our Nation” - Students created writings, digital messages on Why I love my Catholic-School. - Dressed up in red, white and blue.

Thursday - “Our Students” - Students submitted a short video clip displaying their talents. 5th grade teachers Kendra Rogers put the clips together to create the video that each classroom viewed in their own room. Students dressed in “comfy” wear.

Friday (Monday) - “Our faculty, staff and volunteers” - Students participated in kahoot quizzes where they tried to identify teachers by using a few clues about the person. Dressed in the decade that their teacher went to school.

Burning of palms and Burying of Alleluia

On Monday, Feb. 15, the St. Charles students will participate in a virtual prayer service for burying the Alleluia. This is an annual assembly that will take on a different form this year, but we are happy to continue the tradition. Later that same afternoon our St. Charles students will gather briefly outside of the St. Charles school building (distanced). The students will remain in their classroom cohorts while Monsignor Gorman will say a blessing and then burn the palms to create the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17).

SC Open House

St. Charles school and early childhood will hold an open house on Thursday, Feb 25. Postcards have been mailed out with the details and families can sign up for a 20 minute time slot to be able to visit the classrooms and meet with our teachers and staff.

Notre Dame and McDonell

It has been day by day as we work around the challenges presented by Covid-19. We did have over 50% of the middle school out for a few days and it’s been hit and miss in the high school with total percentages out hovering around 17%. This past week things seem to settle down only to have a staff member test positive over the weekend. Some staff members have been vaccinated and we are expecting the majority to have access to a vaccination in March.

The girls team is off to sectionals and hopefully starts they will have the opportunity to make it to state. The boys start their regional run February 19th.. Co-op Boys Hockey made it to sectionals and the Girls Hockey Co-op is off to state.

The production, "My Fair Lady" is slated to begin Friday February 26 th at 7:00 PM. There will be six performances over two weekends. We are allowing 25% capacity in the auditorium and of course masks will be the rule. It has been very difficult with all of the quarantines etc... to get the show on. We are very hopeful and praying that the students and staff get the opportunity.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences are slated for Thursday February 18th, from 1-7 with remote conferences only.

Special thanks to our priests and Deacon Rider for stepping up to get all of the Ash Wednesday masses and services covered.

Dean of Academics and Student Support Services

Dean of Academics

- Supporting teachers through digital platforms
- Formative Benchmark Assessments complete grades 3-8
- Inservice support developed from teacher needs
- Curriculum cycle conversations around HS religion and arts/music
- Accreditation self-evaluation in preparation for external review in 2022-23
- Safe Environment team working on training for staff

Student Support Services Coordinator

- Preparing ITP (Intent to Participate) for SNSP. May increase seats to 40. Currently at 31.
- Title reading services at SCB and HG are in place
- Summer school planning is beginning

Facilities

- Wall of Fame work will begin in February with a completion target of early March. Work is being done by the boys scouts with some financial support from the Alumni Association.
- Carpets are being cleaned at St Charles on inservice and snow days.

Finance

- December Financials are attached. Still waiting on PPP loan forgiveness
- We submitted our budget to the Diocese and will hear back by March 12th.