



# 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

**April 15, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting is open to meet in the McDonnell Library or Join through Google Meet**

**Meeting ID**

**meet.google.com/zot-ufiq-vpi**

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AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to the April meeting</li> </ul>
Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hail Mary led by TJ Proue</li> </ul>
Review Mission and Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence</li> </ul>	TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Servant leadership - a student voluntarily opens the door in the morning for students entering the building. Always with a smile and a hello.</li> <li>Holy Week - enjoy seeing MACSstudents serving at church services</li> <li>Survey pandemic response -</li> </ul>
Consent Agenda	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment. Today is the Choice application deadline. 177 applicants. Increase from last year.</li> <li>Consensus on agenda</li> </ul>
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives	Staff as requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notre Dame and McDonnell raised over \$3000 for a staff member to help with unexpected medical bills</li> <li>Holy Ghost - Fr Kizewski has been reassigned to teaching philosophy at a seminary in Milwaukee</li> </ul>

		(St Francis de Sales Seminary)
<p><b>Presenter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Presentation: Diane Hietpas Student Support Services Coordinator</li> </ul>	Diane Hietpas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane's 4th year with MACS as the Student Support Service Coordinator</li> <li>• SNSP = Student Needs Scholarship Program.</li> <li>• Program is designed for students struggling academically or behaviorally</li> <li>• Student must have an IEP from the public school and verify they live in WI</li> <li>• 2018-2019 SNSP started with four students at Holy Ghost</li> <li>• 2019-2020 SNSP grew into four schools with 16 students</li> <li>• 2020-2021 SNSP expanded to 31 seats</li> <li>• 2021-2022 - goal is to expand to 41 seats</li> <li>• Quarterly progress reports to parents</li> <li>• Progress monitoring (individualized for each student)</li> <li>• Reviewed progress monitoring. See presentation for details at each school</li> <li>• Shared and reviewed a MAP test that a student showed improvement through the pandemic</li> <li>• Reviewed current staff - see presentation for details</li> </ul>
	Scott Sokup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EANS Funding - completed application. Several restrictions on what the funding can be spent on. Administered through CESA</li> <li>• No financials available today. This meeting fell a little early in the month - hoping to have next week</li> <li>• Full forgiveness of the PPP loan. Waiting for letter</li> <li>• Facilities - planning summer projects</li> <li>• Anticipating being busy with long range planning items</li> <li>• Working on cleaning up the baseball field</li> </ul>
<p><b>Standing Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Finance / Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EANS funding</li> <li>• Facilities updates</li> </ul>	Molly/TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pandemic Steering - our dashboard looks good</li> <li>• MACS sent a survey to families looking for pandemic feedback</li> <li>• As of yesterday 101 responses. The deadline is April</li> </ul>
<p><u>Ad hoc Pandemic Steering Committee</u></p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Survey due tomorrow</li> <li>● Mask policy update</li> <li>● Summer activities update</li> </ul> <p><u>Long Range Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plan for Facilities Study</li> <li>● Meitler parish meetings</li> </ul>	TJ/Fr. Bur	<p>16, 2021. Hoping for more responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mask policy update - allow additional exceptions such as mask breaks. PE, band and EC ages 4 and under being an exception to wearing masks.</li> <li>● Summer activities - Athletic Director working on summer guidelines.</li> <li>● Long Range Committee has been broadened, tasked with creating a case statement for the parish facilities in Chippewa Falls including the schools.</li> <li>● Diocese of LaCrosse will be kicking off a capital campaign within the next few years.</li> <li>● Notre Dame parish meeting last night. Holy Ghost tonight and St Charles next week.</li> <li>● In 1957 there were 124 baptisms at Notre Dame parish. 24 marriages</li> <li>● 1997 52 baptisms at Notre Dame parish.</li> <li>● 2017 9 baptisms at Notre Dame parish. 9 marriages</li> <li>● Most significant decline was within the last 20 years.</li> <li>● The trend is similar across the catholic parishes</li> <li>● After reviewing these number we know we need long range planning for our buildings</li> <li>● What is the best way for the Catholic parishes to evangelize and use their resources the best including buildings and staff</li> </ul>
<p><b>Commission Chair</b></p> <p><u>Goal Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bylaws update</li> </ul>	TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion of draft revisions to bylaws that were sent out</li> <li>● Revised bylaws will be presented for approval at the May meeting; representatives should contact Chair with any comments</li> <li>● Matt Elstran spoke about ensuring Catholic identity</li> </ul>
<p><b>President's Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Looking Forward on April 28</li> <li>● Review timeline for next strategic planning process</li> </ul>	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Invited all Commissioners to attend Looking Forward</li> <li>● Commission is in agreement with postponing the strategic planning cycle until after the Meitler study, facilities study, and accreditation self-study are completed</li> </ul>

NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Approval</li> <li>Monthly focus: Academics (Mary Huffcutt, Brian S., Eric W.)</li> </ul>	TJ/All	<b>Thursday, May 20, 2021 5:30 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Hour</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please join us in the Commons after the meeting for time to visit with one another and celebrate the success of another year.</li> </ul>

### Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C.	Chair/ St Charles Rep
EX	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
	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Fransesca Resource Center	Notre Dame Rep
	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance	All Saints Rep
EX	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County	Holy Ghost Rep
X	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

	Fr Burish	Notre Dame Church	Dean
	Fr Kizewski	Holy Ghost Parish	Pastor
	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	Diane hietpas	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	SNSp and Summer School
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**Administrator Reports  
Enrollment 04/06/2021**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total Students 2020-2021</b>	<b>Total Students Enrolled 2021-2022</b>	<b>New Students 2021-2022 (included in total students enrolled)</b>	<b>Inquiring Students 2021-2022</b>
<b>K</b>	31	25	25	5
<b>1-2</b>	72	70	5	2
<b>3-5</b>	95	114	11	6
<b>6-8</b>	115	112	13	5
<b>9-12</b>	155	164	15	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>26</b>

- We have 10 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 around 50. We have not had a class this size since 2015-2016. Brian is planning to have more than 165 students in the high school.
- Next year's 6th grade class has grown significantly. In 2019-2020 this class had 22 students. Next year they will be in 6th grade and there are currently 32 students enrolled and five strong inquiries.
- Next year's 4th grade class is continuing to grow. Currently 41 enrolled, 1 current student remains to enroll and 4 inquiring. This class size could potentially be about 45.
- Anticipating Educatius and Global Outreach (international) students for the 2021-2022 school year. Both organizations are looking for host families.
- Working on shuttle options

**Early Childhood**

- 30 2021-2022 4K Enrollment
- 19 Camp Macks I
- 41 Camp Macks II

**St Charles and Holy Ghost**

**Box tops and mite boxes**

- Holy Ghost student council is leading a box top collection to raise money for our schools. So far they have raised \$35. The St. Charles students also have collected over \$550 in their lenten mite boxes. The collection was given as an offering during our Wednesday mass on March, 31.

**SC Hotdog supper**

- St. Charles and Early childhood held a hotdog supper on Thursday, April 8. This event was a success and brought in over half of newly enrolled 21/22 Kindergarten students and also 3 families that are considering enrolling. The families spent time in both Kindergarten classrooms with Mrs. Misener and Mrs. Rider doing activities. We then spent the remainder of the evening eating the provided hotdog dinner.

**Wisconsin Forward exam**

- Students that are enrolled in the School choice - voucher program are required by the state to complete the Wisconsin Forward assessment starting when they are in 3rd grade. Students in this program at Holy Ghost completed these assessments the week of April 5-9.

### **Notre Dame and McDonell**

- In person.

### **Dean of Academics**

- Developing continuation of learning for next year
- Updating professional development plan to help meet the needs of continuation of learning
- In partnership with Student Support Services Coordinator, developing plans for summer to help close learning gaps
- Continuation of self-evaluation in accreditation process

### **Student Support Services**

- 30 of 31 seats filled for the remainder of this year
- 41 seats requested for next school year - 36 committed so far with at least 3 strong potentials

### **Summer School**

- 43 of 48 registered students
- 6 of 8 staff secured
- need at least one volunteer in each classroom

### **Facilities**

- Emergency exit lights project at McDonell completed
- Middle school will be doing a garden this year in the front lawn of McDonell. Jaynee secured funds for the project.
- Working on baseball infield, will be getting the fence fixed and bases placed hopefully before the season starts.
- Working on outlining summer projects - RFQ underway on floor care at all three buildings
- Working on outlining scope of potential work to remodel bathrooms academic wing at McDonell

### **Finance**

- Applied for EANS Grant. If approved we will be investigating several opportunities on where to use the funds. CESA is administering the funding and has a website up to help in understanding where the funds can be used and how to seek reimbursement or approval for future uses.
- PPP loan forgiven, waiting on paperwork before we can book as income on the income statement.