



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 October Meeting - Summary

October 15, 2020 – 5:00 PM

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Meeting ID
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McDonell Auditorium

AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
System Listening Session	5:00-5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment - review enrollment attachment Any pandemic plan updates ND/McD - Teachers are planning out 30 days in advance SC/HG 7 students started virtual. 2 are transitioning to in-person SC/HG - students are becoming familiar with devices Both principals feel prepared if MACS would need to go 100% virtual Will we be wearing masks for basketball? Currently the answer is yes.
Welcome and Call to Order Welcome Gabriella - new EC Director New Student Junior Commissioner	TJ Molly TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome new representatives: McDonel junior Paige Smiskey and St Bridget's/Tracy Bormann and new Early Childhood director Gabby Jauch

Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer led by Fr Kizewski
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes – emailed Finance Report Enrollment Report Principals' Reports Dean of Academics Report 	TJ/Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed enrollment No other reports pulled
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Elstran (See Reports below) 	Reps as requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student council: sent out two surveys regarding satisfaction of school lunches and technology Lunch - 51 responses: 30 minutes is allowed for lunch. 65% say they do not feel they have enough time to have lunch. 17/51 feel they end up with 10 minutes or less to eat Technology - 51 responses: Regarding internet 35% say five days of week they have troubles staying connected to the internet 28/51 say they can not connect with their personal devices Students feel they have to bring their own equipment to have equipment that works appropriately 2 to 3 times a week they can not complete their work because they can not stay connected Overall 70% said below average Matt Elstran reviewed his notes. Contact Matt If you are interested in joining a group in prayer Diaper Drive - right to life. Student council and student ambassadors selling roses. \$7.50 goes to cause Spaghetti Spectacular
Mission and Vision		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community - witnessing students Faith Boosters are selling wreaths in place of the seniors selling them. Fundraising will go towards youth retreats.
Standing Committees		<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<u>Facilities Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Scott	
<u>Ad hoc Pandemic Steering Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Covid Updates 	Molly/TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

<p>President's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-21 System Goal Report ● Enrollment Report and Projections ● Tuition Committee ● Pandemic Plan - 3 Tier 	<p>Molly Kathleen Scott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add/define tier 2 plan - review attachment ● Create an intermediate level ● Tier 1 - we are currently in tier 1 ● Tier 3 (30-40% absent) 100% virtual - no extra curricular activities ● Per building assessment ● Tier 2 (15-20%) of students absent ● Consensus from Education Commission to add Tier 2 ● System Goal Report - Molly reviewed MACS System goal process, president goals, student success team and goals, operational vitality team and goals (see attachment) ● Tuition committee: Tracy Fischer, Michele Kressin, Molly Bushman, Scott Sokup and Teresa Dachel
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LRP Updates ● New Commission Rep to Marketing? ● Commissioners for bylaw review 	<p>TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Requesting a representative to sit on the marketing committee ● Requesting a group of representatives to review the by-laws. Please let TJ know if you are interested
<p>Request for Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>TJ</p>	
<p>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joint with CFAUSD - details TBD (most likely virtual) ● Agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed Tuition ○ Presentations from Advancement/PR and Alumni Association 	<p>TJ/All</p> <p>Scott/Teresa/ Tracy F.</p> <p>Jaynee/Cathy/ Rolly E.</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 17, 2020</p>
<p>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</p>	<p>Priest</p>	<p>Led by TJ Proue</p>

Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C.	Chair/ St Charles Rep
Late	Justus Busse	Chippewa Falls Fire Department Inspector	Vice Chair/St Charles Rep
			St Paul's Rep
X	Tracy Bormann	Human Resources	St Bridget Rep
EX	Erin Brick	Homemaker/Biology, Theology, and Music	Holy Ghost rep
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations	Notre Dame Rep
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Francesca 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
EX	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep
EX	Andy Shakal		St John's Rep
	Vacant		Holy Cross Rep
X	Andrew Ruf	Financial Advisor	Sacred Heart Rep
EX	Scott Siegenthaler	Interim Assistant Director Financial Aid	Notre Dame Rep
X	Gina Smiskey	Homemaker/St. Peter's Christian Mothers	St Peter's Rep
	Vacant		Holy Ghost Rep

Ex-Officio

X	Fr Kizewski	Holy Ghost Church	Dean
X	Fr Burish	Notre Dame Church	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	Gabby Jauch	St Charles Early Childhood	Director
X	Eric Wedemeyer	St Charles/Holy Ghost Elementary	Principal
X	Brian Schulner	Notre Dame MS/McDonell HS	Principal

Student Representatives

X	Elise Bormann	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Senior Representative
X	Paige Smiskey	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Junior Representative

Principal Reports

McDonell Central/Notre Dame Principal Report

At the time I am writing this we are in day 30 (just finished lunch 120). I can honestly say I'm surprised we made it this far with the amount of Covid cases spiking throughout the state. I guess our efforts in regards to masks, distancing and constant reminding are paying off. For the most part, the majority of the students have been very cooperative with mask wearing. I do have a theory though, that high school students have magnets in their pockets that draw them side by side at lunch time.

At this point we have had no known students or staff test positive for Covid 19. We have had parents test positive hence having students quarantined and doing classes remote, and staff (including myself) that had symptoms and stayed away until a negative test result was received.

We managed to pull off Homecoming to the best of our ability including a parking lot dance/bon fire, spirit days that went over quite well. Mrs. Jorgensen and the student council did a fantastic job organizing and getting permissions. Actually, many suggested we do it that way every year even without a pandemic.

Remote learning has been a strain on our teachers. While we have approximately 12 students that chose virtual at the beginning we have more and more students who are quarantined who are meeting remote during their quarantine time. We currently have ten who are out due to Covid quarantine making approximately 10% of our students being remote.

Parent teacher conferences were held remotely. The middle school met as teams of teachers with individual student parents and high school did individual remote sessions. I haven't got the exact numbers, but felt more parents at the high school took advantage of conferences than normal. Many of our teachers were very accommodating in meeting with parents in time slots outside of the conference hours.

While we have moved to four lunches rather than two, we still need to distance students further apart and the lunch times overlap slightly. Our current arrangement reduced seating capacity at a table to 50% but allows for two separate sides in the commons in order that cleaning can take place after each lunch. We have developed a better schedule that allows for the entire commons area to be used for each lunch with cleaning in between. This will allow for even less students at a table being further spread out. This would result in lunches beginning at 10:50 a.m. and ending by 1:00 pm.

St. Charles/Holy Ghost - Eric Wedemeyer

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mid-quarter was stamped with the completion of parent/teacher conferences. These meetings took place Tuesday, Oct 13 & Thursday, Oct. 15. St. Charles teachers offered an option for parents to attend face to face or participate virtually. Holy Ghost completed theirs entirely through the virtual format.

MAP growth assessments

Both 4th & 5th grade have completed their fall session for our MAP growth assessments. Students are tested in four content areas (language usage, reading, math and science). This year we are extending these exams to include our 3rd grade students. They will begin next week (Oct 19-23).

Brick to Click update

We've had 70 brand new iPads delivered to our SC classrooms. Our K-2 students have been working more frequently with the devices in their everyday routine. We feel very confident and certainly more prepared for a potential pause in face-to-face learning. The students at Holy Ghost have been working with their devices as well and within the past two weeks have focused on 3 key areas of our digital citizenship model. Classroom teachers and our guidance counselor have conducted lessons that have placed an emphasis pertaining to technological dependency, online safety and leaving a digital footprint.

Additional Commissioner Reports

From Matt Elstran:

MACS Education Commission Members, Faculty, and Staff,

I recently took part in an initiative to build a culture of prayer and discipleship at Notre Dame and found it very worthwhile. If there are 6 to 8 people interested, I would be willing to lead a prayer/discussion group for anyone involved with MACS. We would meet one night each week for three weeks in early December with no further commitments.

A culture of evangelization and discipleship at our school doesn't have to be sophisticated or complicated. It starts very simply with honest and vulnerable conversations and naturally grows and spreads from one person to another.

If you have an interest or questions, contact: Matt Elstran, info@stayatthehideaway.com or call/text: 715-404-9204 and also let me know which days of the week you are available.