



# 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 Special Meeting - Summary

**September 17, 2020 – 5:30 PM**

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McDonell Commons

AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order Controller Position Update	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome and check in TJ Proue</li> </ul>
Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer led by Fr Hokamp</li> </ul>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change to items in Consent Agenda</li> <li>Minutes – emailed</li> <li>Finance Report (Deferred for September)</li> <li>Enrollment Report</li> <li>Principals' Reports</li> <li>Dean of Academics Report</li> </ul>	TJ/Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathleen reviewed the enrollment report</li> <li>New MACS students last attended: CFAUSD, Bloomer, Menomonie, Cadott, Richland, Eau Claire, Altoona</li> <li>Request for percentage of Catholic/non-Catholic</li> <li>Various committees will be asked to present at the Education Commission meeting on different months</li> <li>Approval on the consent agenda</li> </ul>
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives	Staff as requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taste Of Ocktobefest this Sunday at Holy ghost</li> <li>Chicken Dinner first Sunday of October</li> <li>Notre Dame September Pick it Up Picnic</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add upcoming parish events to agenda</li> </ul>
<b>Standing Committees</b> <u>Facilities Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scott Sokup front entrance project at McDonell almost complete with doors, windows and desks</li> <li>• Freezer installed at St Charles</li> <li>• Mike Crawford is new Chair of Facilities committee</li> <li>• New hire Mike Dubiel part time maintenance position</li> <li>• Facilities making a plan to clean up field</li> </ul>
<u>Ad hoc Pandemic Steering Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any Covid Updates</b></li> </ul>	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting every other week and monitoring pandemic</li> <li>• Mask mandate expires September 28, 2020. If this happens MACS will move back to plan A. Similar with a few exceptions</li> <li>• How are staff and students handling the new year</li> <li>• Additional prep for teachers. Deserve a great amount of work for their work, dedication and commitment</li> <li>• Brick to Click was a good preparation for help with sending students home</li> <li>• Percentage of classes outside? Elementary phy-ed classes - many outside</li> <li>• ND/McD falling into a routine.</li> <li>• Teachers at ND/McD working 7:15-3:45</li> <li>• ND/McD running four lunch shifts managed by principal, athletic director and long term sub</li> <li>• Freshman and sophomore like eating outside</li> <li>• Majority of phy-ed outside.</li> <li>• Several teachers take class outside for a few minutes for a break and then back to class</li> <li>• Notre Dame allowed to walk the McDonell mile after lunch</li> <li>• No salad bars</li> <li>• Study halls have been helped by central office and guidance. This relieves time for teachers to have prep time</li> <li>• Due to limited prep time, principal Brian</li> </ul>

		<p>Schulner proposes the Education Commission to have at least one day a month to have an early release to give him time to meet with his staff as a group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students would have to wait in Commons for bus transportation or parents could pick them up</li> <li>● How would this affect choir and refer to Mr Neppl</li> <li>● Number of students sent home Covid related</li> <li>● Online students - how is it going? Are any planning on returning to "in school"</li> <li>● Sports. How are we sanitizing football equipment</li> <li>● Homecoming - four tickets per player, different activities each day. Homecoming dance in the parking lot. Gathering of over 50 but it would be outside. Proposal to County Health - students would have to be masked, no slow dancing. last Saturday of September. This night will include a bonfire.</li> <li>● Do we need a noise permit?</li> <li>● How is virtual working. Are they ever able to connect with their classmates? At the elementary level do the virtual students hear from the principal</li> </ul>
<p><b>President's Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Early Childhood Director Position</li> <li>● Faith Formation Coordinator Position</li> <li>● Friday Rosary</li> </ul>	<p>Molly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EC position - will be making an offer next week</li> <li>● Paula Hanson - Faith Formation Coordinator. Position created by Catholic Identity committee in 2017 Will work with the Chaplain, campus ministry and a teacher from each of the elementary schools</li> <li>● Parent led suggestion. Every Friday at noon, the rosary will be said outside on the front yard of McDonell praying for the school system</li> <li>● Student ambassador - Mary Jacobson has returned to this position. Focus will be pro life and helping those that are homebound and in nursing homes</li> </ul>

<b>Commission Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Commission Goals</li> <li>Schedule of Committee Reports</li> <li>Review of Bylaws (Proposal on number of Commissioners) Ad Hoc Review Committee (meetings by email and review)</li> <li>Ad Hoc Tuition Committee (form in October)</li> </ul>	TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will ask for consensus via email</li> <li>Refer to attachment for committee reports</li> <li>It will be known at the meeting prior who is planned to report</li> <li>Suggested to review Bylaws</li> <li>Two members of the Education Commission needed on the Tuition committee</li> <li>Request for future agenda items</li> <li>September 24, 2020 3:00-8:30 - McDonell will receive 10% of proceeds during this time</li> </ul>
<b>Request for Future Agenda Items</b>	TJ	Matt Elstran
NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening session 5-5:30</li> </ul>	TJ/All	<b>Thursday, October 15, 2020 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	<b>Led by TJ Proue</b>

### Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C.	Chair/ St Charles Rep
	Justus Busse	Chippewa Falls Fire Department Inspector	Vice Chair/St Charles Rep
			St Paul's Rep
EX	Tracy Bormann		St Bridget Rep
X	Erin Brick		Holy Ghost rep
EX	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations	Notre Dame Rep
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Fransesca Resource Center	Notre Dame Rep
	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance	All Saints Rep
V	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County	Holy Ghost Rep
	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep
V	Andy Shakal		St John's Rep
	Vacant		Holy Cross Rep
EX	Andrew Ruf		Sacred Heart Rep
	Scott Siegenthaler	Interim Assistant Director Financial Aid	Notre Dame Rep
EX	Gina Smiskey		St Peter's Rep
			Holy Ghost Rep

### Ex-Officio

	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
V	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
	Vacant	St Charles Early Childhood	Director
X	Eric Wedemeyer	St Charles/Holy Ghost Elementary	Principal
X	Brian Schulner	Notre Dame MS/McDonell HS	Principal

### **Guests**

EX	Elise Bormann	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative
	Vacant	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative

### **Principal Reports**

- St. Charles/Holy Ghost - Eric Wedemeyer
- New for this year - Curriculum and other
  - Both schools have begun the school year with a few changes in curriculum.
  - Religion - Spirit of Truth
  - Science - PhD Science
  - Social Studies - Studies Weekly
- Also added is keyboarding rotations for grades 3,4 and 5. Students get weekly instruction and practice using proper typing techniques. This is designed to assist in the transition to emphasized use of technology with 1:1 chromebook devices at Holy Ghost.
- Erica Boehm has also scheduled times two days a week to travel to Holy Ghost to do some vocational work with students.
- Students are also scheduled additional and extended library times in each building. Our libraries offer a quiet learning area for our students to work with their school issued personal devices, engage in extra practice in any subject area or read.

### **Dean of Academics**

- New Teacher induction
- Teacher Brick to Click Training
  - Routines + Relationships = Reassurance
    - Welcoming Rituals; Engagement Opportunities; Optimistic Closures
    - Consistency of following guidelines (with modifications as we navigate this)
    - Strategies that can be used both in classroom and remotely
  - Designing communication tools
  - Learning online platforms and digital tools
- Supporting teachers with their curriculum needs and digital tools
- WRISA Accreditation - Preparing for the Oct. 1 report

### **Student Support Services**

- Training of new staff
- Enrolling new SNSP students - 28 of 32 seats have been filled
- Giving CBM assessments for fall benchmarks
- Title services for St. Charles and Holy Ghost are in the works and should begin early October.

### **Enrollment**

- Enrollment as of 09/17/2020 is 463
- Enrollment as of 09/21/2020 is 465
- MACS has one shadow for first grade scheduled
- We have two part time students in addition to the 465
- We are anticipating an additional Notre Dame student for 2nd quarter
- One of our top focuses for 2020-2021 is retention
- Parent ambassadors have been a big part of communication - this is committee is proving to be a success
- We have over 90 new students. If you have a child in the MACS system; please encourage them to reach out to the new students, introduce themselves, include them in conversation and help them feel welcome.