



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Mission: Centered on Jesus Christ and His Church, we partner with families to nurture young people's spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral formation through a PreK-12 Catholic liberal arts education and vibrant student life of discipleship, athletics, and the arts.

Our Vision: MACS will be a beacon of faith, hope, and love by inspiring each student to embrace his or her identity as a beloved son or daughter of God, while discovering and developing their unique gifts. We will immerse students and families in an authentic Catholic culture which fosters love of truth, beauty, and goodness. We will challenge all students to pursue academic excellence, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry. We will prepare McDonell graduates to be a transforming force within society, sharing the Gospel and working for the common good as productive, virtuous citizens.

Education Commission Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025 5:30 - 7:00 PM
McDonell Library/Media Center

AGENDA	LEAD		NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order (5 Minutes) - Welcome - Prayer - Approve Previous Minutes	Chad Priest	5:30	- Father Kren led the prayer - Welcome Lucy Pries to the Commission as the Junior Representative
Evidence of Mission/Vision (10 Minutes) - Evidence - Upcoming Parish Events	Chad	5:35	- FR Tim taveled to each school with a relic. - The football team is attending Masses as a team. - The Diocese met with each school to review the 3 year trends of faith assessments. The efforts by the school were acknowledge with the good report back. There were things to work on, but there is an observed improvement these past 3 years.
Guest Presentations (30 Minutes) Strategic Plan Update: Nurturing our Students Report and Dialogue	Mary	5:45	Link to presentation and materials handed out.
President's Updates (15 Minutes) - Novena - Recap 9/11 Meeting with Bishop - Seclusion or Restraint Report	Molly	6:15	- Commission was asked to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Champion and St. John Henry Newman, was handed out. - Meeting with the bishop went well. He is very optimistic for the future of McDonell. The LRP committee is working on a document to present to the Diocese for formal approval to advance the LRP. - No reports of seclusion or restraint for 24/25 school year.

Commission Work Session (30 Minutes) Commissioners Interaction with Respective Parishes (Priest, Councils, Committees)	Chad	6:30	Homework for our commissioners. Meet with respective priests and discuss his expectations for role as commissioner and how to bring information back to the parish.
NEXT Education Commission Meeting - Strategic Plan: Enrollment Report and Dialogue - Listening Session	Chad		Thursday, October 16, 2025 - Meeting 5-6 - Listening Session 6-7
Closing Prayer and Adjourn	Priest	7:00	

Membership

X	Chad Brady	Construction Consultant Executive Committee LRP Committee Finance/Facilities Committees Advancement Committees	Chair Holy Ghost Rep Term 2.2
	Andy Shakal	Staff Engineer Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Strategic Plan Steering Committee	Vice-Chair St John's Rep Term 3.1
X	TJ Proue	Attorney von Briesen & Roper S.C. Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair	St Charles Rep Term 3.3
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep Term 2.2
	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking Committee Assignment - Tuition	Holy Cross Rep Term 2.2
	Joe Brick	Healthcare Committee Assignment - Adhoc Uniform Clothing Exploration	Holy Ghost Rep Term 1.1
X	Bill Eddy	HVAC Project Manager Committee Assignment - Facilities	Notre Dame Rep Term 1.2
	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee Vice Chair	Notre Dame Rep Term 3.3
	OPEN		Sacred Heart Rep

			Term
X	Tracy Bormann	Director of Human Resources Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep Term 2.3
	Justus Busse	Battalion Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair	St Charles Rep Term 3.2
	OPEN		St Paul's Rep Term
	Diane Herron	Medical Degree & Homemaker Faith Boosters	St Peter's Rep Term 2.1
	Tony Willkom	Business Banking Officer Committee Assignment Finance Ad Hoc Connect Committee	At-Large Rep St. Charles Term 1.2
	Joe Petefish	Committee Assignment TBD	At-Large Rep Notre Dame Term 1.1

Ex-Officio

	Fr Daniel Sedlacek	Chippewa Falls Deanery	Dean
X	Fr Alex Kren	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	Eric Wedemeyer	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal ND/McD 6-12
X	Gwen Doyle	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Holy Ghost 3-5
X	Jamie Dodge	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	St Charles 3K-2
	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller

Student Representatives

	Lilian McDonald	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Senior Representative
X	Lucy Pries	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Junior Representative

Meeting Dates for 2025-26 Education Commission Meetings

August	Friday, August 15
September	Thursday, September 18
October	Thursday, October 16 (Listening Session)
November	Thursday, November 20 Joint CFAUSD (MACS hosts this year)
December	Thursday, December 18
January	Thursday, January 15
February	Thursday, February 19
March	Thursday, March 19
April	Thursday April 16
May	Thursday, May 21 (Listening Session)
June	Schedule Only If Needed (Tentative June 18)

Commission Presentations - Topic/Presenter/Meeting

Club/Committee/Department	Chairperson or Dept. Head	Month	Topic of Presentation/Notes
Commission Mass, Welcome and Annual Goals	Chair, President, and Dean	August	Mass, meal, approve committee rosters
Nurturing our Students	Dean of Academics (may include other leaders)	September	Also welcome new student representative
Listening Session, Enrollment	Enrollment Coordinator	October	September count, enrollment goals; Quarterly Written Reports Due
Building our Future	Advancement Director	November	Also joint meeting with CFAUSD
Growing our Catholic Identity	Campus Ministry/Chaplain	December	
Embracing our Community - Parishes/Parish schools	Committee Chair, Parish school principals	January	Also confirm plans for CSW speakers at parishes; Quarterly Written Reports Due
Embracing our Community - PR/Alumni	PR Director, Alumni Association	February	Upcoming events, etc.
Partnering with Families/Mental Health	Committee Chair, Parent Ambassador Chair, Counselor	March	
Budget/Finance	Controller and Finance Manager	April	Budget due to Diocese April 18; Quarterly Written Reports Due
Listening Session, Annual Strategic Plan Update	Chair, President, and Dean	May	Also pass resolution commending senior rep, officer elections if needed
Special topic (optional)	TBD	June (optional)	

Action Plan

Overall Goal(s) - Underlying objectives/goals may be chunked up over the next years to meet these overall goals.

1. Become more active as a commission.

Goal <i>What is "Point B" that I want to reach by the end of this school year? (Cross reference Strategic Plan if applicable.)</i>	Current Status <i>What is "Point A" i.e. what is the status of this goal</i>	Objective <i>Break down "Point B" into smaller bites, i.e. incremental goals to bridge the gap between Point A and Point B.</i>	Strategies and Action Steps <i>For each objective, list action steps with an estimated timeline.</i>	Evidence of Success <i>Please document your success! You can add links to other documents or reference meeting minutes.</i>
Commissioners participate in faith formation activities.		- Pursue regular attendance/participation in faith formation events. Eg: Catholicism on Tap. - Commission participation in one faith based event this year would be wonderful.	- Chair to connect with each commissioner regularly. - Commissioners should share upcoming activities over the course of the annual term. - Participation in evangelization opportunities. - Commission attend Catholicism on Tap or other faith based event. - Commissioners participate with the school prayer team.	- Commissioners provide updates on activities participated in.
MACS Education Commissioners to strengthen the tie with their respective parish via regular communication with their pastor and parish council.		- Establish regular communication with pastor and parish council, regarding items covered at Education Commission meetings and events , activities, etc. at MACS. - Become engaged with those parents and students represented. - Create a feedback loop for parishioners, parents, students, and prospective MACS families & students.	- Commissioners establish meeting schedule with their respective pastor and parish council. - Chair to provide one pager after each meeting that can be distributed by each commissioner to their respective counterparts. - Chair can be available for participation in a discussion as required. - Commissioners invite parents and parishioners to the listening sessions and our commission meetings. - The connect adhoc	- Copying the Chair and Vice Chair on your communications will help maintain continuity. - Commission advances recommendation to the Dean for connecting commissioners to our parishes.

			committee was established to determine options for connecting the commission with their respective parishes. Options will be developed and presented to the commission. The commission will review options and present recommendation to the Dean.	
MACS Education Commission will explore options for student dress standards.		- Address concerns voiced by parents regarding how our students are dressing at school and MACS sponsored events.	- The uniform clothing exploratory adhoc committee was established to develop options for presentation to the Commission. The Commission will review options and present recommendation to the Dean.	- Commission advances recommendation to the Dean.
MACS Education Commission Oversight of Strategic Plan Implementation/Steering Committee		- Transition oversight of strategic plan implementation to the Education Commission.	- Streamline monthly meeting agendas and incorporate monthly presentation of the various committee. - Look at aligning a commissioner to each strategy.	- Transition complete - Commissioners aligned
MACS Education Commission will ensure ongoing continuity in governance and update the bylaws.		- Vote for Chair & Vice Chair for next term.	- Will vote in new officers in May meeting.	- Voting held