



# 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
<b>Welcome and Call to Order (5 Minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome</li><li>Prayer</li><li>Approve Previous <a href="#">Minutes</a></li></ul>	Chad Priest	5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Father Kren led the prayer</li><li>Welcome Lucy Pries to the Commission as the Junior Representative</li></ul>
<b>Evidence of Mission/Vision (10 Minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evidence</li><li>Upcoming Parish Events</li></ul>	Chad	5:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FR Tim taveled to each school with a relic.</li><li>The football team is attending Masses as a team.</li><li>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.</li></ul>
<b>Guest Presentations (30 Minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategic Plan Update: Nurturing our Students Report and Dialogue</li></ul>	Mary	5:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Link</a> to presentation and materials handed out.</li></ul>
<b>President's Updates (15 Minutes)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Novena</li><li>Recap 9/11 Meeting with Bishop</li><li>Seclusion or Restraint Report</li></ul>	Molly	6:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commission was asked to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Champion and St. John Henry Newman, was handed out.</li><li>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.</li><li>No reports of seclusion or restraint for 24/25 school year.</li></ul>

<b>Commission Work Session (30 Minutes)</b>	Chad	6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</b>	Chad		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thursday, October 16, 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting 5-6</li> <li>Listening Session 6-7</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Closing Prayer and Adjourn</b>	Priest	7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

### 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
	<b>OPEN</b>		Sacred Heart Rep

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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
	<b>OPEN</b>		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

<b>Club/Committee/Department</b>	<b>Chairperson or Dept. Head</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic of Presentation/Notes</b>
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)	