



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, December 18, 2025 5:30 - 7:00 PM
McDonell Library/Media Center

AGENDA	LEAD		NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order (5 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">WelcomePrayerApprove Previous Minutes	Chad Priest	5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fr Kren lead us in prayerNovember meeting minutes were approved.
Evidence of Mission/Vision (10 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">EvidenceUpcoming Parish Events	Chad	5:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soup drive went well, Junior and Seniors battled it out, Juniors got the seniors by 80 cans or so. Great cause.Shout out to advent Christmas programs. Lot's of involvement.Lot's of Christmas Eve and Christmas day masses available.
Guest Presentations (30 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strategic Plan Update: Growing our Catholic IdentityApproval of the 26-27 school calendarTuition and Salary Scale	Fr Kren & Michael VH Molly Scott	5:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New campus minister has been onboarded. Working out well and giving Fr Kren and Michael a lot of relief for planning and coordinating events.Opportunities for students to go on faith based field trips into the outdoors.With Lilly coming on board, she's been trained to train adult mentors to student discipleship groups. 10 groups have already been started, beating the goal of 10 by the end of the first year of implementation. It is taking off. They meet weekly and follow along with a book for facilitating the conversation.Jan 5th SEEK is the destination this year rather than the seminary basketball game. 13 seniors will be going for a 5 day trip.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fr Kren is witnessing a lot of self motivated faith based participation by our students. Some students are even in the OCIA program and joining the Church. ● Next year, looking at Middle School discipleship groups. With the long term goal to start this in the public schools. ● Growth of the discipleship group model is the plan to grow the faith and grow in Catholic Identity. ● New school calendar for 26-27 was approved. ● Consensus delivered on modest tuition increases for next school year. Similar increases as the past few years. ● Consensus delivered on modest salary increases for next school year. Similar increases as the past few years.
President's Updates (15 Minutes)	Molly	6:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Commission Work Session (30 Minutes)	Chad	6:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
NEXT Education Commission Meeting	Chad		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday, January 15, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting 5:30-7
Closing Prayer and Adjourn	Priest	7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fr Sedlacek led the closing prayer.

Membership

X	Chad Brady	Construction Consultant Executive Committee LRP Committee Finance/Facilities Committees Advancement Committees	Chair Holy Ghost Rep Term 2.2
X	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
X	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking Committee Assignment - Tuition	Holy Cross Rep Term 2.2
X	Joe Brick	Healthcare Committee Assignment - Adhoc Uniform Clothing Exploration	Holy Ghost Rep Term 1.1
	Bill Eddy	HVAC Project Manager Committee Assignment - Facilities	Notre Dame Rep Term 1.2
X	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
X	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
X	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

X	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
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller

Student Representatives

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

Meeting Dates for 2025-26 Education Commission Meetings

Mtng 01 - August	Friday, August 15
Mtng 02 - September	Thursday, September 18
Mtng 03 - October	Thursday, October 16 (Listening Session)
Mtng 04 - November	Tuesday, November 18 Joint CFAUSD (MACS hosts this year)
Mtng 05 - December	Thursday, December 18
Mtng 06 - January	Thursday, January 15
Mtng 07 - February	Thursday, February 19
Mtng 08 - March	Thursday, March 19
Mtng 09 - April	Thursday April 16
Mtng 10 - May	Thursday, May 21 (Listening Session)
Mtng 11 - 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)	