



# 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 - Summary

**April 21, 2022 – 5:30 PM**

**McDonnell Library**

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Meeting ID

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Google Conference

### AGENDA

### LEAD

### NOTES

Welcome and Call to Order Prayer	TJ Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer for the Easter season led by Fr Burish</li> </ul>
Review Mission and Vision (read) Consent Agenda Tabled	TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed in its entirety by the Chair</li> <li>Thank you to the Education Commission from the Bohaty family</li> <li>Round two for the Chalice of Mercy - students and staff involved. Collected about another two semi's full</li> <li>Holy Thursday - spring community day</li> <li>Holy Thursday elementary schools - community/learning activities. Focus on service learning.</li> </ul>
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives	All	Please submit written reports to TJ and Kathleen to share via email.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tabled for time</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Commission Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tabled for time</b></li> </ul>	TJ	
<b>President's Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tabled for time</b></li> </ul>	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder: Looking Forward Apr 27, 2022</li> </ul>
NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Hietpas - Special Needs/Intervention</li> <li>• Final Budget Presentation</li> <li>• Enrollment Update</li> <li>• Nominations for Chair/Vice-Chair</li> </ul>	TJ/All	<b>Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.</b>
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer led by Fr Burish Glory Be</li> </ul>

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Role</b>
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C. Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	Chair/ St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Andy Shakal	Staff Engineer Executive Committee	Vice Chair/St John's Rep 1st Term
	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance <b>Committee Assignment - Open</b>	All Saints Rep 1st Term
X	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
Late	Erin Brick	Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Ad Hoc Catholic Education Event Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term
EX	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County Ad Hoc Tuition Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 2nd Term
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations Finance & Facilities Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center Parent Ambassadors	Notre Dame Rep 3rd Term

X	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
	Vacant		Sacred Heart Rep
X	Tracy Bormann	Human Resource Professional Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
	Vacant		St Paul's Rep
Late	Gina Smiskey	Homemaker Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee Parent Ambassador Music Boosters Faith Boosters	St Peter's Rep 2nd Term
X	Chad Brady	Software Consultant	At-Large Rep 1st Term

#### Ex-Officio

X	Fr Jesse Burish	Notre Dame Church	Dean
	Fr Ethan Hokamp	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	Brian Schulner	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal ND & McD
X	Eric Wedemeyer	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
X	Jerry Smith	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller
X	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Asst Enrollment Coordinator

#### Student Representatives

	Paige Smiskey	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Senior Representative
	Megan Hanson	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Junior Representative

#### Guest

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#### Consensus Agenda

**Enrollment Kathleen Adams**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total Students 2021-2022</b>	<b>Total Students Enrolled 2022-2023</b>	<b>New Students 2022-2023</b> (included in total students enrolled)	<b>Inquiring Students 2022-2023</b>
<b>K</b>	26	40	40	9
<b>1-2</b>	67	54	0	3
<b>3-5</b>	120	119	8	6
<b>6-8</b>	115	106	6	19
<b>9-12</b>	178	179	12	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>

- Wisconsin Parental Choice open for applications: Deadline April 21, 2022 no exceptions.
- Current MACS students still to enroll for 2022-23: **31**
- High school could potentially enroll 200
- Next year's first grade remains the smallest with 23 enrolled with two current families that still need to enroll. No inquiries for this grade
- Next year's 7th grade has the greatest amount of inquiries with currently 11

#### **Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt**

- Continued work on accreditation information
- Choice and Summative testing underway
- Working with the "Arts" department in looking at curriculum support
- Planning next year's professional development goals
- Discussions with University of Dallas for guidance on Liberal Arts model
  - Commission should read this essay "[Five Essential Marks of Catholic Schools](#)"

#### **Student Support Services Diane Hietpas**

- Spring benchmark testing will begin right after Easter break.

#### **Early Childhood, St Charles and Holy Ghost Eric Wedemeyer and Jerry Smith**

##### **Field Trips**

On Wednesday, April 13 our 4th and 5th graders traveled to our State Capital. During this trip they toured the capitol building, the Wisconsin Veterans museum and the State Historical Museum. The trip's purpose was for our students to gain a better understanding of our great state.

On Thursday, May 12 our 4th grade will be going to the Past Passed here at Marshall Park. This serves as an educational opportunity for fourth graders learning about Wisconsin history.

On Friday, May 13 our 3rd grade EC children's theater to view the production of Flat Stanley based off of the popular children's book series of the same name.

##### **Holy Thursday - #MackWay community day**

Our Students at St. Charles and Holy Ghost participated in a variety of community service based activities on Holy Thursday this year. Our students spent time painting rocks with positive messages on them, and made bird

feeders. Our students then walked around the neighborhood by their school placing the rocks and bird feeders in yards and picking up trash.

### **Adoration**

The Holy Ghost students will have the opportunity to participate in the singing version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church on Friday, April 22.

### **Spring Assessments**

An essential part of servicing our students is having the data to diagnose areas where specific students are struggling. This information also helps us evaluate our curriculum and teaching strategies. St. Charles (easyCBM) and Holy Ghost (MAP growth) have begun their Spring assessments this week (April 19-22). next week (Jan. 21-24).

### **Notre Dame and McDonell Brian Schulner**

### **Technology Josh McCormick**

- Over Spring break we got the Promethean Boards installed at St. Charles and Holy Ghost. We are working-in installs in the Middle and High School when time allows.
- Currently working on ordering Student Chromebooks for next year, we have a large amount of Chromebooks that are expiring next year that need to be replaced.
- We are still waiting on two of three proposals for a new Copier Lease.
- State testing has begun, to ensure a positive testing experience the tech department has been on standby making sure there are no network or chromebook issues.
- We are upgrading our Internet Connection from 1GB to 10GB. This will drastically increase network speeds, and our bandwidth. With more services moving to the cloud, and an increase of network devices, this will be a big improvement of our network
- We are also replacing our Security Appliance with a new Firewall. Our current Security Appliance is almost at End Of Life. This will increase our Cyber Security and help to keep us protected from attacks, viruses, malware and ransomware.

### **Facilities and Finance Scott Sokup**

- Working to finalize our EANS purchasing. We have used the money for interactive TV's, Chromebooks, software, Salary of part time employee, summer school transportation, media and AV equipment, various IT equipment like document writers and monitors, Distance learning, erate fees and some custodial cleaning products. Round one must be encumbered by May 13th.
- Planning summer work. Plan to do some painting at McDonell, topcoat McDonell Gym, scrub and wax floors at St Charles and McDonell.
- Presenting a 5 year Facility and Technology plan to Finance and Facilities in April. Then plan to present to the Commission in May or June, depending upon scheduling.

### **Long Range Planning**

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## **Advancement**

- Catholic Women's Club at Notre Dame Parish Life Center on March 17th. They are a supporter of MACS and all Catholic women are invited to attend. The camaraderie is great and they are looking to fill some seats with the younger generation. Meetings are in March, June, and December. If you'd like more information, please reach out to me.
- Olson's Ice Cream Share night on March 29th. Looking forward to another one as the weather gets warmer. Despite it being a cold night, it was great to see so many MACS supporters there.
- Meeting with McDonell Foundation on March 30th. With the additional financial support they provided this year, we are researching a new donor database.
- Alumni Weekend and volleyball/basketball tournaments April 1-2.
- Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees April 3.
- Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce: hosted Coffee and Commerce on April 8th. Molly and Libby were given the opportunity to speak about MACS to a houseful of Chamber members. Great energy and feedback.
- Planning for end of the school year events: MACS Community Day, MACS in Motion, Class of 1972/Class of 2022 Mass/breakfast/McDonell-Notre Dame tour, Faculty/Staff retirement celebration, Mack Messenger mailing, MACS Designer Bag Bingo (MABC fundraiser), Kwik Trip Cafe staff appreciation, Baccalaureate, Graduation, 8th Grade Completion ceremony
- Upcoming grant submissions: Nordson (PLTW), Ann Marie Foundation, Rotary Club