



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

December 16, 2021

McDonell Library

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

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Welcome and Call to Order	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to the December meeting
Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer led by Fr Hokamp
Review Mission and Vision	TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speaker Celebrate Holy Spirit Week. This year we transported grades 6-12 to Notre Dame parish, would like to see this as an annual celebration Notre Dame concerts were fantastic
Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes – emailed Principals’ Reports Dean of Academics Report Student Support Services Report Finance & Facilities Committee - budget on agenda Long Range Planning Committee Report Advancement Advisory Committee Report Enrollment 	TJ All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that Advancement report is complete by Molly Bushman while the Advancement position is open
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McDonell concert 12/20/2021

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions available in school 12/17/2021
Music Boosters/Fine Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest presentation 	Megan/Sean/Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McDonell choir focused and dedicated • Notre Dame - choir is growing grades 6-8 • Discussions of show choir returning 2022-23
Committees		
<u>Catholic Mission Team Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December/January ministry activities • Catholic Schools Week 	Fr. Hokamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall and Winter concerts continue. Baccalaureate,CSW
<u>Ad hoc Dress Code Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of committee recommendations • Brief overview of parent survey results 	Erin B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor choirs and bands • Fine Art Night • Musical Cinderella • Music Boosters - successful craft show
<u>Finance & Facilities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Budget Presentation 	Scott Sokup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This summer the Music Boosters is taking about 40 students to New Orleans • Jazz band in the morning twice a week • The band continues to grow • Choir and Band receiving great support • 2022-23 grades 6-8 will be required • Musical theater class - semester during RP1 • History musical class - one block 4th quarter • Spring play - non musical - led by Frank Rineck - Happy Mother's Day • Christian Rug worked with the Cinderella staff today teaching the waltz • Team met 12/2/21. Music concerts should reflect faith in music. • • Teacher Faith Formation; looking for ways of improvement. Currently once a month for teachers. Have prayers and sacraments available for teachers • Catholic Schools Week: Bishop Callahan will have Mass at McDonell. All schools within the deanery will be invited • How is the way my child dressed important to their education • Current dress code • Budget due 02/11/2022

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to Finance 12/16/21 • A final budget will be presented again in January • Scott Sokup presented the tentative proposed budget • Consensus on tentative budget
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Range Planning Update - selection of master planning firm 	TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retained an architectural firm to do a study, creating a roadmap working with the parishes to develop a plan • Will be done in this fiscal year
<p>President's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022-23 Calendar • Enrollment: kindergarten referral program • UDallas Program coming on January 21: Save the Date. Ad Hoc Event planning committee needs to meet. 	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to anyone that has donated to the campaign. Still time to donate • Present the rough draft for the 2022-23 calendar • Consensus for the 2022-23 calendar • Updated course handbook coming • Referral program will be for kindergarten only beginning 01/01/2022. Please see the link for details. • UDallas Program presentation is January 21, 2021 will be for staff during the day. The evening presentation will be for the Education Commission and families. • Erin Brick, Paula Hanson, Erica Boehm and Mary Huffcutt - committee for UDallas event

NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan Budget Approval • Athletics/MABC presentation • Faith Boosters/Campus Ministry presentation • Enrollment/Catholic Schools Week 	TJ/All	Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Sean Hanson	

Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
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
EX	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep 1st Term
Virtual	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
X	Erin Brick	Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Ad Hoc Catholic Education Event Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term
X	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
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center Parent Ambassadors	Notre Dame Rep 3rd Term
EX	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term

		Long Range Planning Committee	
	Vacant		Sacred Heart Rep
Virtual	Tracy Bormann	Human Resource Professional Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
EX	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
Virtual	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
X	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
X	Fr Ethan Hokamp	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
EX	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

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

Guest

	Sean Hanson	Band Teacher	Advancement Director
	Clare Nelson	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Communications and Marketing
EX	Megan McChesney	Music Booster Club	President

Consensus Agenda

Enrollment Kathleen Adams

Grade	Total Students 2020-2021	Total Students Enrolled 2021-2022 (11/12/2021)	New Students 2021-2022 (included in total students enrolled)	Inquiring Students 2021-2022	Inquiring Students 2022-2023
K	31	27	27		1 + 17 SC BB4C
1-2	72	67	5		1
3-5	95	120	21	1	1
6-8	115	115	21	1	4
9-12	155	178	29		11
Total	468	507		2	35

- After the start of the year we have gained two students (grades 4 and 10) and five have left.
 - Transferred to CFAUSD - dissatisfied grandparent over sports - with MACS K-9
 - Transferred to CFAUSD - financial - with MACS 3-6
 - Moved to California - may be back for 2022-23 - new student for 2021-22
 - Pandemic - moved to Home School - stayed part-time for band. 2nd year at MACS
 - Transferred to CFAUSD - friend issues - with MACS 9-11
- Shadow day for 6th grade student December 9 (Bloomer public)
- Mary Huffcutt and Kathleen Adams presenting to students at St Paul's in Bloomer December 20, 2021.
- Updating brochures for 2022-23 school year - ready for Catholic Schools Week
- Enrollment Plan - work in progress

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Teachers worked collaboratively at the November inservices
 - Worked in department/content teams to
 - Update each other from different grade levels
 - Looked for strengths and opportunities
 - Discussed how they were using narration, picture study and socratic method in classroom
 - ND/McD worked on course descriptions
- Preparing for January 21 inservice which also includes a 5:30-6:30 pm Catholic Workshop session at McD for parents and community members around helping to instill beauty, goodness, and truth for our children
- Continue to work on accreditation
- Continue to help support teachers

Student Support Services

- Currency 39 students in SNSP, 38 full time and 1 partial
- 2 additional students qualified for an ISP this quarter and will be in SNSP for second semester
- Three referrals/evaluations are in progress.
- One staff member completed the 7-week training for *The Writing Revolution* this fall (5 SNSP staff have this training)
- One staff member complete the 2-year reading foundations training, *Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)* (1 elementary teacher and 1 SNSP staff have completed this training)

- Title services for reading and math at St. Charles and Holy Ghost are going well.

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

- **Christms musical performances**

- St. Charles held their annual Christmas performances on Tuesday, Dec. 7. There were two performances; one at 12:30 and the other at 5:30. The program was a wonderful arrangement of songs sung by each grade and small groups. Students also read short pieces of the story of the birth of Jesus as a nativity scene was recreated to conclude the production. Congratulations to our extraordinary music teacher Mrs. Bekka Beaufeaux on composing and directing yet another great performance!
- Holy Ghost held their performances on Thursday, Dec. 9. The first performance was at 12:30 and the other at 5:30. Their performance consisted of nine musical numbers. Three of them were sung by the entire 3-5 grade student body. Three songs were played by the 5th grade band. Each grade level also performed a song on their own. A wonderful job was done by our students and also by our Band director and Music teacher Ms. Stephanie Solberg!
- Both afternoon performances at each site were live streamed.
- Both evening performances had a bake sale of cookies, breads and other baked goods. The proceeds will go to help fund the trip to Madison for our 4th and 5th graders later this spring.
- Also at each school's performance our K-5 Art teacher Mrs. Beaufeaux displayed some wonderfully creative works of Art by all of our students.
- All of the shows were well attended by family and friends.

- **Advent emphasis in both schools**

During the Christmas season it seems easier and easier these days to overlook the true meaning of the season. All of the teachers in our schools have put forth much effort to emphasize to our students the true meaning of the Advent season. Visual displays of violets and purples are seen on bulletin boards. Advent wreaths are commonly seen and we lit each week's candle on the wreath every Monday morning at our Merry Monday assemblies. Our students were immersed with the concept of preparation during these past few weeks.

- **Confessions at Holy Ghost**

All of our students at Holy Ghost had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, Dec. 16.

- **Community Day**

Our last day before Christmas break has traditionally been known as a day where our students are directed towards community service. As part of our activities that we have planned in both schools on Wednesday, Dec. 22, our students will make Christmas cards for the elderly in our community and also for local Veterans.

- **Hold/Lockdown drills**

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, both schools participated in a hold/lockdown drill. Each school initiated a Hold scenario and followed the procedure for about 6-8 minutes. At that time a simulated lockdown situation took place. Both drills were managed well by teachers and staff. A big "thank you" to the law enforcement officers for assisting us with some important practice implementing the policy.

Notre Dame and McDonell Brian Schulner

- We are currently working on our courses and requirements in order to align as a Catholic Liberal Arts Curriculum. Mrs. Huffcutt and I have been working directly with each department in re-writing course descriptions and raising our required class graduation expectations across the board. The two in-service days before Thanksgiving were very productive.
- We have also been working with the staff in switching over to a trimester based scheduling system for the 2022-2023 school year at both the middle and high school. While McDonell High School has been on a “block” schedule for over twenty years which has advantages in regards to accelerating students, a block schedule does have its downfalls in regards to versatility and access to offerings. A trimester schedule offers the same in regards to credits and time in class, but spreads the schedule in 60 minute time periods and gives more class days.
- The middle school is currently on a modified block schedule which allows for more time for English and Mathematics. Our middle school schedule works, but is very full and actually quite rigorous in regards to classes taken in a day and expectations. It also puts students in groupings that stay together all year long. A trimester schedule adds an additional exploratory time and spreads the day for the students. It offers different avenues in order to mix the classes and provide more versatility.
- I have had a number of conversations with staff individually, departmentally and as a whole and the benefits of going trimester is being well received. Ever change has its ups and downs, but we think it’s going to be a benefit for our students and staff.

Technology Josh McCormick

- After several months of shipping delays and being backordered, our 9 Promethean Interactive Panels have arrived. The three assigned to the High School/Middle School have been installed, and we have been receiving great feedback from the teachers. We plan to install the boards at St. Charles on Monday 12/13/21, and at Holy Ghost on Tuesday 12/14/21.
- We are moving forward with using EANS funding to purchase 36 more Promethean Interactive Panels. This will provide a new panel for every classroom in all three buildings, and will replace our current fleet of projectors. This is part of our 5 year goal, that has been accelerated utilizing the EANS funding that is available to us.
- We are still working to find the best solution to replace our Main Server. We just finished running a Collector on our network to analyze our network traffic and resources. We will use these results to get an updated proposal from HPE. We hope to have their proposal before Christmas.
- We are currently exploring alternatives to our current streaming service. We currently go through CESA, but it is expensive compared to other vendors.

Advancement Molly Bushman

- Final Phase of Witness the Difference is in full swing. We have obtained some generous pledges and it is not too late for every Education Commission member to make a pledge! Our goal is 100% Education Commission participation. Please email or call me if you can make a pledge.
- Advancement Director position is posted and we are interviewing candidates. Jaynee is still helping with the campaign, events, and will help train in the new person.

- Amanda Empey of Classic Events has agreed to chair the Mardi Gras event committee and plan/run the event for a flat fee.
- We continue to work on developing a comprehensive Ministry of Advancement Plan which we hope to present to Commission within the next couple of months.