



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

February 17, 2022 – 5:30 PM

McDonell Library

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

Welcome and Call to Order Prayer	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer intention for MACS faculty and staff retreat 02/18/22 Hail Mary led by TJ Proue
Review Mission and Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission/Vision: please bring examples to the February meeting for evidence on the following “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 community” 	Priest TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic School Week Rally - 700 with students and staff. Considered a success. Students thought the play (Cinderella) was great. Very supportive of their peers. Students prayed before each Cinderella performance Observing increased engagement from students at Mass singing. Students building relationships with one another Shadow Day today from St Peter’s and St Paul’s
CONSENT AGENDA	TJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus

<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 	All	
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives	Staff as requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General fundraiser for St Peter’s \$100.00 tickets. Only 200 tickets sold. Four winners. Buy from Kathleen Adams
<p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Presentation: Technology <p>Committees Standing Committee Reports are in Consent Agenda <u>Catholic Mission Team Report</u></p>	<p>Josh M./Val K.</p> <p>Fr. Hokamp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Josh McCormick as the new IT Director. • Technology Report • Finalizing the solution for our Server Project. We are working with the vendor (SHI) to adjust the proposal to better fit our Network. • Copier lease is set to expire this July. We are evaluating other options, and considering moving away from Loffler. We are meeting with and seeking proposals from EO Johnson, Marco, and Loffler. • Looking into a new Emergency Paging System for our buildings that is more versatile. Allows the pages to be initiated from multiple devices, and reaches more endpoints giving our Emergency Pages redundancy and better coverage in our buildings. • Reviewing our Security Policies, which includes our Backup Policies, and our Security Cameras. • Exploring options for a new SIS to replace Infinite Campus. • Recognition from a representative of how so many are appreciative of our Live Stream • Catholic Mission team met February 3. • Staff retreat Feb 18 at St Bridget’s • Accreditation 2024 - watching for evidence in our students. • Assessments complete for students and discussion how we can use the information

<p><u>Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACS ComeBack remains in effect • Dashboard updated weekly • OSHA vaccine rule court ruling • Resource Webpage 	<p>Molly/TJ/Justus/Regi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student faith versus family faith. How can we get more families involved • Pandemic continues to meet • Supreme court reversed the ruling to mandate Covid vaccination • Dashboard remains updated on a weekly basis • Next meeting March 9 - before possibility of going to state for basketball
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda topics 	<p>TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are items that you would like added to the agenda please email TJ Proue
<p>President's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UDallas Commission presentation will be at April meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m. • President's Mid-Year Report 	<p>Molly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACS is fully accredited. There is a site review in 2024. • Currently fully staffed in the central office - feels great! • Libby Leinenkugel - Advancement Director • Mary Beth Pfeifer - Human Resources Generalist • UDallas presentation was postponed. There will be an evening program in August • UDallas will appear virtually to the Education Commission during the April EC meeting to give a preview • Attach Molly's midyear report • MACS are a member of the Institute for Catholic Liberation • Mr Brian Schulner and Mr Steven Roesler have announced retirement
<p>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Presentation: Marketing/Advancement 	<p>TJ/All</p>	<p>Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</p>	<p>Priest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by Fr Hokamp Glory Be

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
<p>X</p>	<p>TJ Proue</p>	<p>Attorney Wiley Law S.C. Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee</p>	<p>Chair/ St Charles Rep 2nd Term</p>

X	Andy Shakal	Staff Engineer Executive Committee	Vice Chair/St John's Rep 1st Term
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep 1st Term
X	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
EX	Erin Brick	Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Ad Hoc Catholic Education Event Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term
Virtual	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
X	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
	Vacant		Sacred Heart Rep
Late	Tracy Bormann	Human Resource Professional Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
Late	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
EX	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

EX	Fr Jesse Burish	Notre Dame Church	Dean
X	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

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

Guest

X	Val Knobloch	MACS Media Coordinator	
X	Josh McCormick	MACS Technology Coordinator	

Consensus Agenda

Enrollment Kathleen Adams

Grade	Total Students 2021-2022	Total Students Enrolled 2022-2023	New Students 2022-2023 (included in total students enrolled)	Inquiring Students 2022-2023
K	27	11	11	20
1-2	67	28	0	2
3-5	120	51	0	5
6-8	115	35	1	8
9-12	178	70	2	14
Total	507	195	15	49

- Choice open for applications: Deadline April 21, 2022 no exceptions.
- Enrollment fee \$150. Increases March 7, 2022
- Eight St Peter's students and five St Paul's students shadowed Thursday Feb. 17, 2022
- Kindergarten for 2022-23 anticipated to be larger than 2021-22
- Shuttles to continue for 2022-23 - looking for drivers. This is a paid position.

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Teachers continue to reflect on this year's pedagogy practice
 - Picture Study, Narration, Trivium, Nature Study, Socratic Method, Liberal Arts Assessments, and Poetry/Recitation
- The Diocese postponed our accreditation from the spring of '23 to the spring of '24. However, we continue our self evaluation process and work on our gaps.
- Beginning the planning for Mackademia (summer school)

- Reviewing mid year assessments and working with schools/SSS's around meeting the needs of our students' needs

Student Support Services

- Intent to Participate (ITP) for SNSP for the 2022-23 school year is due March 1, 2022.
- Potentially looking at 47 seats for next year, up 5 from this year.

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

Catholic Schools week highlights

- **Dress Themed days - Monday** - Olympic color rings. Each class dressed in a color representing one of the colors of the rings of the olympic symbol. **Tuesday** - Students dressed in comfy pajamas **Wednesday** - All students at St. Charles and Holy Ghost were transported to McDonell High School to attend the Bishops mass and take part in Rally day activities. **Thursday** - Our students dressed as their future career of vocation **Friday** - All students dress in MACS gear to celebrate MACS spirit day.
- **Saint Slides** - Mrs. Rogers (5th grade) created slides with stories of these saints for all of our HG students to view and sometime during each day of the week. The saints were chosen to represent each part of the world - and lots of different ages/genders/vocations. The idea was to share with our students that we are ALL called to be saints!
- **Snowflake dance** - On Friday, Feb. 4 a glow in the dark themed dance was held in the St. Charles gym. The event was sponsored by our Home and School association. We greatly appreciate the effort and initiative by HandS in putting this together.

Open Houses

- On Tuesday, Feb. 1, both St. Charles and Holy Ghost schools held an open house to allow current and inquiring families to visit the building and meet with the classroom teachers. The evening was successful in drawing inquiring new Kindergarten families into our building and providing a snapshot of what we offer.

Blessing of the throats

- On Thursday, Feb. 3 Monsignor Gorman visited each classroom at St. Charles and blessed each of our students throats on the Feast day of St. Blaise.

Notre Dame and McDonell Brian Schulner

- I'm being optimistic, but the number of Covid cases here has dropped dramatically. We went from over 20% of our middle school positive or quarantined a month ago to no cases the past week. We are praying that it has turned the corner.
- Catholic Schools week was a success. Bishop Callahan came and celebrated a Mass in the gymnasium for all of the MACS system schools including Tilden, Boyd and Thorp schools. After Mass Saint Charles and Holy Ghost Schools stayed for lunch and an opportunity to see one act of the school musical Cinderella. There was lots of activity and sugar (cotton candy) being delivered. I was truly proud of our MACS student Ambassadors for all of their organization and hard work throughout the day. Observing our high schoolers assisting the younger elementary students was truly a rewarding experience.
- The school musical, "Cinderella" was a big success. We had a performance for the middle and high school on Thursday February 3 rd . We estimated the play to be two hours so began at 1:30 PM. At 3:30 Pm the play still had one act to go and it appeared we needed to stop in order for students to go home for the day. This is when I saw the light in regards to our students showing support for each other, they refused to leave until the play was over. At the last kiss the crowd erupted! It was like watching the last second buzzer beater to win the state championship game.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jorgensen and the entire cast and crew of the musical on a job well done.

- Notre Dame is planning their annual ski-trip to Bruce Mound on March 1 st . This has always been a tradition that we have been foreclosed from the past couple of years. The students and staff are very much looking forward to it.
- The senior class trip to Washington DC is approaching. We did have some cancel, but we are moving forward with the students flying out on March 29 th .
I am digging in and building the 2022-23 master schedule. A majority of students have registered for classes and we are working on staffing and course sequencing.
- I announced to my staff this past week that I will not be returning to McDonell and Notre Dame next school year as their full-time principal. I have offered to return in a part time capacity to do scheduling, teacher evaluation and mentoring. It has been a privilege to lead such a dedicated staff.

Technology Josh McCormick

-guest presentation

Facilities and Finance Scott Sokup

- Working with Booster club and Administration to define needs for Men's and Women's locker rooms at McDonell. Will draw up a plan over the next few weeks for presentation to management, booster club and commission. Goal of at the very least getting showers and some other storage needs addressed over the summer for next year.
- Had our first meeting with the Auditorium remodel team in January, plan to meet again in February to continue moving forward with potential ideas.
- Budget submitted to the Diocese, have been in discussion with them over questions, hope to have final approval in the next couple of weeks.
- Finalizing our EANS spending for round 1 in the next month or so. Approved for round 2, they published an allocation, then rescinded it because they decided to open up a second application window due to a poor response, they should have a final allocation published by the end of this month. Expect with this change that our allocation will go down dramatically as they were trying to get 100 more schools to apply.
- Starting planning for summer projects.
- Booster club looking to place a container by the buses for additional storage. Will work with the city on permitting over the next few months.
- Would like to find a location to move all play stuff off-site. We approached Notre Dame, but they are not willing to provide us with any space there. Will be looking to other options, but likely not going to find climate controlled options. We need to get costumes out of the boiler room
- Expect to have a draft of our 5 year facility and technology plan ready to present to Operational Vitality in March.

Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning Committee has approved the retention of Plunkett Rasich Architects out of Wisconsin to provide Facilities Master Planning Services for the Chippewa Falls Catholic Community, including MACS. The Master Planning Process will entail the survey of existing facilities and sites and current and proposed uses for such facilities and sites for a comprehensive facilities master plan. This plan will seek to best utilize available resources, personnel, and funds to maximize the Community's

ability to meet our mission now and long into the future. One of the goals of this consolidated approach to facilities survey and planning is to respect the time and contributions of our supporters to maximize the effectiveness of their contributions toward facilities sustainability and updates. The contract has been approved by Notre Dame, Holy Ghost, and MACS and is awaiting formal approval from St. Charles.

Advancement

Committee met on January 26 and discussed the following topics:

Kindergarten Marketing

- Open House Feb. 1 (postcards, bulletin)
- [K Referral Program](#)
- WOGO Radio Ads
- Social media Ads

Planned Giving: Any charitable gift that is planned, usually with legal or financial advice, to optimize a donor's financial, tax, and estate plans while helping to secure the long-term financial strength of the school.

- Part of Adv. Plan
- *New pamphlet review*

Events

- Mardi Gras Feb. 12
- Alumni Gatherings: Cape Coral and The Villages, FL

Witness the Difference Campaign: Matching Gift available up to \$50,000 through 3/31/22, still need to raise about \$300,000 to meet \$3.7 million goal