



# 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

**May 19, 2022 – 5:30 PM**

**McDonell Library**

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### AGENDA

### LEAD

### NOTES

AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order Prayer	TJ Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer led by Fr Felix</li> </ul>
Review Mission and Vision	TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning in the 2022-23 school we are planning for all to attend in person</li> <li>Mack Messenger went out - shoutout to Clare Nelson - her first time completing it alone</li> <li>Check out the Mack Chat with the little ones</li> <li>Mary Jacobson is retiring - huge thank you!</li> <li>Little things that make a big difference. Staff member was unable to coach ND track due illness and multiple people stepped up to make a difference.</li> <li>Notre Dame concert - music community (both choir and band) is growing</li> <li>Wednesday night Baccalaureate - approximately 160 people at the dinner to follow</li> <li>Wednesday - Senior Awards - over \$200,000 given out in scholarships</li> </ul>

<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minutes – emailed</li> <li>● Principals' Reports</li> <li>● Dean of Academics Report</li> <li>● Student Support Services Report</li> <li>● Finance &amp; Facilities Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pull report on SCRIP sales per request</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Long Range Planning Committee Report</li> <li>● Advancement Advisory Committee Report</li> <li>● Enrollment</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Celebrating retirees on Friday at McDonell at 10:00 a.m. Students and band will line up and have a parade</li> <li>● Scrip pulled</li> </ul>
<p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bishop Callahan coming to bless the memorial</li> <li>● St Charles has started digging</li> <li>● Confirmation was Mother's Day</li> <li>● McDonell first play</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presenter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation of Opportunities/Affiliate Schools</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dress Code Committee ??</li> </ul>	<p>Fr. Felix/TJ</p> <p>Erin (ask her)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fr Felix presented his thoughts on the school systems</li> <li>● At the last meeting, athletic uniforms were discussed. Main part of the discussion was about volleyball shorts. Volleyball shorts are purchased by the parents. Hoping it can be a discussion between parent and child.</li> <li>● The new Diocesan athletic handbook does not speak to a specific length regarding uniforms</li> <li>● Parent survey would like to see a school store with a variety of MACS uniform options</li> <li>● Committee would like to get student input on design and items to sell</li> <li>● The dress code is considered updated not new</li> <li>● The overall dress code is meant to be modest, business, casual.</li> <li>● Skirt length 2 inches about the knee is the max that will be allowed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Commission Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nominations for Chair/Vice-Chair</li> <li>● PRA/Long Range Planning <b>(SAVE THE DATE, MAY 25 at 7:00 FOR PRESENTATION OF DRAFT MASTER PLAN)</b></li> <li>● Other Motions/Resolutions as appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any nominations for Chair</li> <li>● TJ Proue nominates Andy Shakal for Chair</li> <li>● Andy Shakal accepts the nomination</li> <li>● Consensus Andy Shakal will be chair</li> <li>● Any nominations for Vice Chair</li> <li>● Andy Shakal nominates TJ Proue as Vice Chair</li> <li>● TJ Proue accepts the nomination</li> <li>● Consensus TJ Proue will be vice chair</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Requested an option for additional academic space at the ND/McD building</li> <li>● Requested options for Early Childhood location</li> <li>● All three meetings will have the same information. Whichever building you attend; the plans for that particular building will be addressed first in the meeting</li> <li>● Thank you to Paige Smiskey for service as a student representative to the Education Commission. Congratulations on your graduation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>President's Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diocesan Report - Spring President's Meeting and Chancery Bulletin highlights</li> <li>● Summer Schedule</li> <li>● Upcoming Events - Invitation</li> </ul>	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prioritize that prayer and christian service are part of all sports</li> <li>● Athletic Director, <a href="#">Alexis Landherr</a> has done a great job communicating with coaches</li> <li>● New Diocesan athletic handbook coming soon</li> <li>● We are grateful that Fr Ethan Hokamp will remain Chaplain at ND/McD and associate pastor at St Charles/St Peters</li> <li>● Central Office hours June and July: Monday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Fridays - closed</li> <li>● School Counselor Katelyn Ziarnik. She will be in the office for 15 contract days throughout the summer.</li> <li>● Administrative assistants in each building will be in one day a week</li> <li>● Senior graduation, Friday, May 20, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Next Thursday 8th grade completion at St Charles</li> <li>● As stated in the enrollment report - please consider being a host for an International student. We have multiple openings</li> <li>● Please share we are seeking a choir director</li> </ul>
<p>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● President's Year-End Report</li> <li>● Special Needs Services Report</li> <li>● Enrollment Report</li> <li>● Officer Elections</li> </ul>	TJ/All	<b>Thursday, June 16, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</b>
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	● <b>Closed with a Glory Be led by Fr Hokamp</b>

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
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep 1st Term
X	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
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
	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
	Tracy Bormann	Human Resource Professional Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
Virtual	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
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### Ex-Officio

	Fr Jesse Burish	Chippewa Falls Deanery	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	Fr. William Felix	All Saints Parish	Pastor
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## 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
<b>K</b>	26	40	40	7
<b>1-2</b>	67	56	0	3
<b>3-5</b>	120	122	8	2
<b>6-8</b>	115	115	10	7
<b>9-12</b>	178	188	13	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>

- Wisconsin Parental Choice closed for applications until 2023
- Current MACS students still to enroll for 2022-23: **12**
- New Family Parent Orientation scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
- MACS is in need of host families for International students

### Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Development of Summer Professional Development opportunities
- Development of staff summer workshop/course development opportunities
- Fall planning
- Investigating virtue curriculum infusion

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

- We are finishing up benchmark testing at K-8 level and will use the data to determine classroom placements and services for next year, including Title Reading and Math,
- Freshmen and sophomores completed ACT Aspire testing in April. Data will be available in mid summer
- Title Reading services concluded on Friday, May 13th.

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

- **Last week of school**

**Monday, May 23** - Macks In Motion @ HG

**Tuesday, May 24** - Macks In Motion @ SC

**Wednesday, May 25** - SC final mass & awards, 4K graduation & SC neighborhood play date

**Thursday, May 26** - Normal day

**Friday, May 27** - Final school mass at HG - Awards day

- **22/23 Class rosters**

The process has started to place each currently enrolled student in their next grade level classroom for the 22/23 school year. Class rosters are in the process of being finalized and will be sent with the summer mailing in June.

- **May Field trips**

We always want to provide as many opportunities for our students to experience things outside of our buildings. This past month our students at St. Charles and Holy Ghost St. Charles has made a few trips to Irvine park zoo, the Eau Claire Children's theatre, the Past Passed Here at Marshall park and Wisconsin Dells.

- **Spring Band and Choral Concerts**

On Tuesday, May 17 our students at Holy Ghost performed their spring band and choral concert. 21 of our 5th grade students participated in band this year and performed 3 numbers during this concert. Each of our grade level homerooms also performed their own piece utilizing either the recorders, guitars or bucket drumming. Thank you to Ms. Solberg for preparing our students and directing a fine performance.

On Thursday, May 19 our students at St. Charles performed their spring Hymn festival directed by Mrs. Julia Jilek-Proue. Each separate classroom in Kindergarten, First & Second grades sang a Christian themed hymn during the performance. Thank you Mrs. JP for arranging and preparing the students for the performance.

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

### **Technology Josh McCormick**

- We are working on ordering new teacher and staff laptops
- We are preparing for the end of year student Chromebook collection, then we will start updates, repairs, replacements and inventory.
- We are switching from Loffler to EO Johnson for our upcoming copier lease in August. We have not been real satisfied with Lofflers support, and the supply chain for parts and toner for our current Konica copiers is struggling.
- We are working on a new paging/alert system for Holds, Lockdowns, Crisis Response team, announcements etc. The new system will be a lot more versatile and will solve any of the communication concerns we currently have.
- Evaluating current meeting spaces for projector/display needs (Gyms, Library Commons)
- We are evaluating our current security camera needs, looking to add and replace several cameras
- We are gearing up for Summer projects including: Software and Hardware updates, deployment of new firewall, Classroom changes, Wrapping up Promethean Board installs, Monitor refresh, and Chromebook and iPad management.

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

#### **Long Range Planning**

- PRA presentation of Draft Master Plan May 25 at 7:00 at McDonell and June 8 at Holy Ghost and Notre Dame.
- Preliminary Draft was presented to the LRP on May 11 and the progress is exciting.
- Target for final working Master Plan is the end of June and we are on target.

#### **Advancement**

- Preparing sponsorship packages and soliciting over the next few months.
- Look for MACS at upcoming summer events. We will again sponsor OneFest and the Pure Water Days races. We also sponsored Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball/Softball again this year. We hope to have various MACS clubs/organizations support the work of Kiwanis at summer events so that the students can earn money towards various activities.
- Advancement continues to work with our IT Coordinator on research for a new donor/volunteer/event tracking database. It has been a great experience learning about what is available and how it can help support the work of our mission. We intend to have a selection made by the end of May so that we can use the summer months to migrate the data from old to new. This is a very exciting opportunity!
- Mack Messenger has been mailed and emailed out to alumni and stakeholders. If you'd like a copy, please let us know.

A huge thanks to all of our Commission members for your continued work and support of our schools!