

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date April 9, 2021  
9-11:30 PM

Welcome & Introductions	Vice Chair Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:02am.
Reading of the Mission Statement	To increase the quality of charter school authorizing in the state of Minnesota by developing and identifying practices and policies that ensure effective oversight and evaluation of Minnesota charter schools.
Establish Quorum	<p>Members Present:</p> <p>Bethel: Heather Johnson Ross FoE: Beth Topoluk, Shannon Hinz NEO: Wendy Swanson Choi, Tu Nguyen IQS: Laurie Schroeder OW: James Ewer, Addie Washington, Erin Anderson Pillsbury: Samantha Diaz, Emily Edstrom Moore, Kristin Robert SAM: Liz Wynne VOA: Rod Haenke Guild: Glory Kibbel St. Thomas: Aaliyah Hodge Chisago Lakes: Sarah Schmidt MOChA: David Peterson</p> <p>Director: Alul Yesak, Guest: Eugene Piccolo, Karen Calcaterra, Mike Schultz, Matt Shaver (joined at 9:35)</p>
Agenda	Motioned made to accept the consent agenda by LAurie, seconded Sarah. Motion carries.
Meeting Norms	Vice Chair Hodge shared a reminder to follow the meeting norms.
Guest: MDE, Mike Schultz, Karen Calcaterra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSP: Peer reviewers are just getting started with reviewing the application. Grants from the last round have been awarded to: Aim Academy, Cross River, Kandiyohi Academy, and The Journey School.</li> <li>• The MDE is going through an evaluation of their CSP grant agreement. The MDE has been given a draft report and has responded, some items they contested and others not.</li> <li>• April 21st Bootcamp on data practices from 11:00am-12:30pm. Feel free to attend.</li> <li>• New Education Commissioner: Heather Mueller. The MDE is also going through some reorganization. The Charter Center is going to remain under Daron Korte.</li> <li>• MDE is working to support schools with any issues regarding the Chauvin trial.</li> </ul>
Guest: MACS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MACS will be showing a chart about how much schools have received of ESSER dollars ~ the range is from \$200 per student up to \$2,500 per student. This will include ESSER 1 and 2 funds, not ESSER 3.</li> <li>• Legislature: Omnibus bills continue to go through the process. The House and Senate Bills are 'on opposite planets'. Part of the Senate bill would give dollars to families to pay private school tuition ~ only to those transferring out of public schools. There was a bill introduced two days before the deadline and heard the next day that would put a</li> </ul>



	<p>cap on special education reimbursement for charter schools. There is no language in the senate bill about this and MACS is working to ensure that the senate doesn't entertain that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MACS is reducing membership fees for the sixth year in a row because the membership has grown.</li><li>• May 13th is the Innovation Leadership Award Ceremony (1pm) virtual.</li><li>• Two 'how to' sessions coming up ~ one on special education this month and gifted and talented education in May.</li><li>• There are 17 leadership changes in schools (10% of charters) are known. There were very few turnovers last year. Normally, that number is around 15% so it is expected to grow more than 10%.</li><li>• School annual reports ~ please ensure that board members are attending training. It appears that many board members have remained on the board and not attending the statutory required training.</li></ul>
Committee Updates Directors Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome back to Samantha Diaz, the new director of PUC.</li><li>• We have meetings with MDE set up ~ our 'commissioner' call will be with Daron Korte from now on. We can invite Commissioner Mueller to one of our MACSA meetings.</li><li>• The average price to do the Anti-racist conversations was \$250 per hour and some around \$15,000. Alul pursued Destiny Owens, who was going to support the conversation with the MDE. Destiny also sits on a charter school board and has experience in our sector of education. She said that she could do an eight month contract for \$8,000.</li></ul> <p>Erin made a motion to approve a contract with Destiny Owens for anti-racist training. Glory seconded. Discussion: Wendy shared that Destiny has provided leadership as a board member that has served their Kato school very well. Liz: what capacity will we be utilizing her and her skill sets for? Response: She will only be facilitating the anti-racist training for authorizers and support us in examining our practices. Vote: Passed unanimously.</p>
Legislative and Policy Committee	<p>Emily Edstrom Moore and Matt Shaver (guest from Ed Allies) presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The authorizer bills are in both the House and Senate and both have the same language. This was a multi-organization collaborative effort: MACS, MACSA, GMS, EdAllies. What helped this to be successful? Response from Alul: start early and get stakeholders at the table, talk with legislators (especially DFL) early on.</li><li>• EdAllies is concerned with the special education reimbursement of districts that would dramatically change the 80-10-10% that has been in place and would put more onus on the charter in certain circumstances.</li><li>• The bills supporting teachers of color in accessing the profession are different in the two bills and will need to be negotiated.</li><li>• Gen ed formula ~ House has 2% increase that aligns with inflation and the Senate doesn't have any increase because they feel there are federal dollars that can provide that support. This is a large gap.</li><li>• The bill to increase authorizer fees for multiple sites was introduced by VOA. It will likely not go further than that.</li></ul>
Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed charter day</li><li>• Planned the April Board agenda</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met with VOA regarding the multiple site authorizer fee bill.</li><li>• Brainstormed an external support for anti-racist training</li><li>• Talked about the idea of hosting an 'MEA' type of PD opportunity since charter educators are not invited to Education MN.</li><li>• Please consider serving in a MACSA officer position. This will be coming up in the next two months with a proposed slate being presented at the next meeting.</li><li>• A gift for Antonio Cardona was shown to the board and will be sent to him.</li></ul>
Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dues are all paid</li><li>• We have an updated address with a more convenient mailbox.</li><li>• We are working with BerganKDV to document our financial management policies.</li></ul>
Grants Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee is working with the Graves Foundation to make sure that we are using the money according to how it is intended.</li><li>• The grants committee realized that MACSA doesn't have a strategic plan. This was referred to the effective practices committee.</li></ul>
Effective Practices Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee has been working to develop a more systematic way of approaching professional development and sharing of best practice within our MACSA group.</li><li>• Strategic planning: As stated above, it was realized that MACSA does not have a strategic plan. The effective practices/goals group met this week and outlined a plan for engaging in strategic planning activities, which will begin in May. The committee feels that an extended meeting in June would be helpful. Members present were asked if they would be comfortable meeting in a socially distanced location for an in-person meeting (a virtual option still available). The majority said yes. Alul will pursue a facility and food.</li></ul>
Best Practice Sharing: Presenter Beth Topoluk	Please <a href="#">click here</a> to view the notes from the presentation and breakout rooms
Closing Items	Next meeting is Friday, from 9:00-11:30am
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn: 11:20 Laurie, seconded Heather. Motion carries.