



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 06, 2020 | 9am-10:30am, 10:30 AM MDE Guest  
PUC Oak Park, 1701 Oak Park Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

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| Welcome & Introductions          | Larry McKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.<br>Introductions around the table  |
| Reading of the Mission Statement | Larry McKenzie read the mission<br><br>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 evaluate of Minnesota charter schools.  |
| Establish Quorum                 | Heather noted the presence of a quorum  |
| Consent Agenda                   | Beth Topoluk motioned to amend the agenda and move racial equity training to June.<br>Erin Anderson seconded. Passed.   |
| Guests                           | Stakeholder update<br><br><b><u>GMS Update:</u></b> Rosie Elias shared the new language of bill with authorizers.<br><br><b><u>MDE update:</u></b> from Karen and Mike Schultz, see the sheet<br><b>1. Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant Update:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Negotiations with successful grantees are in process and grants are expected to be executed by April 2020.</li><li>Applications for the current start-up and significant expansion/replication round were due February 28, 2020. Peer reviews will begin in the coming weeks.</li><li>An RFP for an external evaluator to evaluate the MDE implementation of the CSP grant closed on February 28, 2020. Review of proposals is underway.</li><li>MDE's CSP program is currently under monitoring by the U.S. Department of Education. Some CSP grantees may be contacted about site visits to their schools.</li></ol> |

- e. Authorizer Training Funds are still available. If you have attended trainings recently and want them to be reimbursed, please submit paperwork as soon as possible because this initiative is subject to federal monitoring.

2. **Boot Camp Update:**

- a. The April Charter School Boot Camp has been canceled.
- b. Charter School Leader Travel Reimbursement from the FY 2017 CSP grant provides funding to up to two staff/leaders from newly authorized charter schools, or recently hired charter school directors from existing charter schools, from out-state Minnesota to attend Charter School Boot Camp training sessions at MDE. Contact Camryn Krause Ferris at [camryn.krause.ferris@state.mn.us](mailto:camryn.krause.ferris@state.mn.us) for more information.
- c. The Charter School Boot Camp webpage includes upcoming training dates, times, locations, topics and registration links.

3. **MAPES Updates:**

- a. MAPES Round Two, Cohort One has begun. Questions and Answers generated in the review process will be posted online to the MDE website on the Authorizer Performance page.
- b. Welcome Meetings for MAPES Round Two, Cohort Two are scheduled for July 1, 2020.
- c. Welcome Meetings for MAPES Round Two, Cohort Three are scheduled for January 6, 2021.

4. **Recent Submissions:**

- a. **Change in Authorizer:** One change in authorizer request was approved. Two others were submitted and are currently under review.

5. **Updated MDE Documents:**

- a. **Early Learning Program Guidance** including *Frequently Asked Questions: Early Learning Program Guidance for Charter Schools and Authorizers* and *Early Childhood Health and Development Screen Program Request Instructions* are under review. Updates are still in progress. Updated UFARS Guidance for Early Learning Programs is in the queue to be posted to MDE's website.
- b. **Other Guidance:** The Charter Center is working on updates to the following documents:
  - i. Special Education Primer for Charter Schools and Authorizers
  - ii. Guide to Opening a New Charter School
  - iii. New School Next Steps
  - iv. Charter Contract Guidance
  - v. Charter School Admissions and Enrollment Guidance

6. **Other Updates:**

- a. **Extended Time Revenue Applications:** The schools that were approved in the first round of reviews have been notified.

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|                  | <p>Schools must submit a year-end validation report in order to receive funding. Applications that required additional information were sent back to schools for updating. The next round of application review will take place in early April. ETR applications for 2019-2020 were due November 21, 2019. Applications are accepted past this date, but delays in processing and payment are possible with late submissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <b>MDE Presentations to MACSA:</b> MDE divisions are planning to provide presentations after the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. March 6: Liz Vaught, Educational Leadership Support</li> <li>ii. April 3: Title Programs, funding, title grant applications</li> <li>iii. May 1: Chris Reynolds, special education topics roundtable</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <b>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update:</b> Experts from the Minnesota Department of Health are hosting</li> <li>d. weekly calls/webinars at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays to update school nurses, administrators, and superintendents on the coronavirus disease and answer questions. Details are below:</li> <li>e. K-12 Stakeholder Outreach (COVID-19) Date: Every Wednesday, from Wednesday, March 4, 2020, to Wednesday, May 6, 2020</li> <li>f. Time: 10:30 a.m., Central Standard Time (Chicago, GMT-06:00) Session number: 968 776 855<br/>Session password: Oshii2020#</li> <li>g. Enter the K-12 Stakeholder Outreach (COVID-19) WebEx Session. Toll Free: 1-855-282-6330   Access code: 968 776 855</li> <li>h. Notes are available from the Feb. 28 Joint MDH/MDE COVID-19 Update for School Superintendents.</li> </ul> <p>7. <b>Upcoming Deadlines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>New School Affidavits:</b> by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020 (at least 14 months before July 1 of the year the new charter school plans to serve students)</li> </ul> <p><b>MACS Update:</b> Eugene from MACS introduced <a href="#">MAC's bill HB4020</a>.</p> |
| Break            |   |
| Director Updates | <p><b><u>Directors Report</u></b></p> <p><i>Fact:</i> In 2020 the number of students enrolled in Minnesota's Charter Schools has reached over 62,700, or 7% of all public-school students (MACs).</p> <p><b>Racial Equity Trainings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Requesting that we plan racial equity training for the summertime, given that there will be more time available to complete it.</li> </ul>  |

**Action Items**

- a. MACSA has sent an invitation to the Commissioner of Education, and Assistant-Commissioner Daron is working with the Commissioner's secretary to plan the logistical details.

**Grant Report**

- a. MACSA and GMS have been in conversation with each other regarding the possibilities of access to grants. GMS has requested the following:
  1. Resubmission of the 2018 final grant report, and
  2. A detailed request for a new grant.

**Equity Roundtable**

- a. The Commissioner was in attendance, along with some community members. Part of the conversation concerned advocacy for creating and supporting opportunities for teachers of color to become licensed.
- b. Interesting conversation about equalizing the tax base.
- c. Justice Page's comments on the amendment were notably general and "big-picture" oriented—nothing very detailed.
- d. On March 6, 2020, starting at 10:00 am, Senator Carla Nelson will host a discussion on the proposed constitutional amendment in room 50 of the Minnesota Senate Building.
- e. Also on March 6, from 1:00 to 1:30 pm, the proposed constitutional amendment will be discussed by Justice Page and president Kashkari in the State Office Building, room 5.

**Charter Day Highlights**

- a. Charter day took place on March 4th, 2020. The team was able to meet with the 12 representatives from both parties. Alul thanked Emily for lending us her exceptional organizational skills; as well as to everyone else who showed up to meet with the legislatures. Brought Bundt cakes.
- b. There seemed to be three main topics of conversation surrounding charter schools. One concerned advice on the current state of charter schools; one was about the substantial misinformation regarding charter schools; and the other was about the need for more authorizers to be involved in the conversations surrounding charter schools.

**Policy Committee Process Proposal**

- a. The process proposal for the policy committee is included below:

Our response options should attempt to streamline and speed-up the process by which MACSA's official stance on the legislation can be considered, decided, and disseminated.

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|                                  | <p>Regardless of which option is adopted, simply having a clear and structured procedure for action will itself contribute to making MACSA more efficient in this regard. To that end, I present the following options for a vote:</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u><br/>As soon as we are made aware of a bill that might impact charter schools and/or authorizers, the Director or the policy team will send an email to all MACSA board members with a deadline to respond with any comments, recommendations, and feedback. In the event that not all authorizers respond by the deadline, the policy team/Director will take the majority position of those authorizers who timely responded to the request and move forward with that as MACSA's official position on the matter.</p> <p><u>Option 2:</u><br/>As soon as we are made aware of a bill that might impact charter schools and/or authorizers, the Director or the policy team will contact and coordinate with the executive team to discern MACSA's official position on the matter and plan any steps MACSA will take in response.</p> <p><b>Legislative Bills MACSA is tracking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Corrective action bill from GMS and EdAllies</li> <li>b. <a href="#">Governor's bill HF3186</a></li> </ul> <p>Authors: Youakim; Davnie; Kunesh-Podein; Mariani; Edelson; Moller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. <a href="#">MAC's bill HB4020</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Authors: Lesch, Davine, Mariani, Erickson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin motioned to blend of 1&amp;2 (see sheet). Sarah ss second. Motion passed</li> </ul> |
| Executive Committee              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Executive Committee Report</li> </ul>  |
| Treasury report                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . Erin shared there is nothing additional beyond the packet.</li> </ul>   |
| Legislative and Policy Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily shared an update from authorizing 101</li> <li>• Charter day update shared.</li> <li>• Idea to host an Edu day think on the timing of it</li> <li>• Meetings had more to them</li> <li>• Breakfast on future charter day, so all authorizers can attend, and it can foster informal interactions</li> <li>• Alul shared that GMS would like to work on the authorizer fee for next year - immunity could be an issue.</li> </ul>  |

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|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamline STUS working with Antonio, Emily and Alul on charter issues, i.e., charter authorizer fees.</li> </ul> |
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| Closing Items        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AH Motioned approve minutes. HR second. Motion passed.</li> </ul>  |
| Adjourn              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HR motion to adjourn, BT second. Motion passed. Beth</li> </ul>  |
| Minutes submitted by | Alul Yesak  |

| Authorizer                        | Name                  | Voting Rep / Alternate | Quorum |
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| Audubon Center of The North Woods |                       |                        |        |
|                                   | Erin Anderson         | Voting Rep             | X      |
|                                   | James                 | Alternate              | X      |
| Bethel University                 |                       |                        |        |
|                                   | Heather Ross          | Voting Rep             | X      |
|                                   | Seann Dikkers         | Alternate              |        |
| Chisago Lakes School District     |                       |                        |        |
|                                   | Sarah Schmidt         | Voting Rep             | X      |
|                                   | Darci Peckman-Krueger | Alternate              |        |
| Friends of Education              |                       |                        |        |
|                                   | Beth Topoluk          | Voting Rep             | X      |
|                                   | Shannon Hinz          | Member                 | X      |
| The Guild                         |                       |                        |        |
|                                   | Cindy Murphy          | Voting Rep             |        |
|                                   | Glory Kibbel          | Alternate              | X      |
|                                   | Lynn Nordren          | Member                 |        |
| Innovative Quality School         |                       |                        |        |

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|                                   | Laurie Schroeder    | Voting Rep | X  |
|                                   | Dave Bakke          | Voting Rep |    |
|                                   | Tom Tapper          | Alternate  |    |
| Northfield Public School District |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Mary Grace Hanson   | Voting Rep | X  |
|                                   | Matt Hillmann       | Alternate  |    |
| Novation Education Opportunities  |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Wendy Swanson Choi  | Voting Rep | X  |
|                                   | Adam Myhand         | Alternate  |    |
|                                   | Tony Vu             | Member     | X  |
| Pillsbury United Communities      |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Larry McKenzie      | Voting Rep | X  |
|                                   | Antonio Cardona     | Alternate  | X  |
|                                   | Emily Edstrom Moore | Member     | X  |
|                                   | Samantha Diaz       | Member     |    |
| Student Achievement Minnesota     |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Liz Wynne           | Voting Rep | X  |
| University of St. Thomas          |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Dana Peterson       | Voting Rep | X  |
|                                   | Aaliyah Hodge       | Alternate  | X  |
|                                   | Molly McGraw Healy  | Member     |    |
| Volunteers of America - Minnesota |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Stephanie Olsen     | Voting Rep |    |
|                                   | Rod Haenke          | Alternate  | X  |
| Winona Area Public Schools        |                     |            |    |
|                                   | Maurella Cunningham | Voting Rep |    |
|                                   | Richard Dahman      | Alternate  | NA |
| MACSA Director                    | Alul Yesak          | NonVoting  | X  |

