



The MACS Charter Weekly

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CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

“Charter schools have been studied from numerous perspectives. One topic that remains under-researched, however is charter school leadership.”

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Charter school leadership is indeed an under researched area, given that the quality and effectiveness of leadership is probably the single most important factor in determining whether a school is stable and sustainable in fulfilling its mission, vision, and strategic goals.

Not only is more research needed, there is also a need for developing a leadership pipeline given the turnover rate in school leaders, more leadership development opportunities and support systems to sustain leaders in the incredibly vast and varied aspects of a charter school director’s responsibilities.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KELLY DIETRICH - A CHARTER SCHOOL LEADER

Congratulations to **Kelly Dietrich, Special Education Director at Minnesota Transitions Charter School, Minneapolis** on her appointment to serve on the Board of School Administrator’s Review Team of Southwest State University Administrators Leadership Program. According to the Board of School Administrators, Kelly is the first charter school staff person to ever be appointed to a BOSA Review Team of a University Education Leadership Program.

HOW TO SESSIONS

This Series of workshops are designed to be practical **“How To”** sessions on a variety of issues that charter school administrators face in fulfilling their role and responsibilities. **The facilitators of these sessions are experts that deal with the topic as their daily work. Registration now open for these Sessions. (Pre-registration is required)**

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 13th

- [“How To” Set Up a Basic HR \(Human Resources\) Plan: Job Descriptions, Employee Files, etc.](#)

Thursday – DECEMBER 6th

- [“How To” Do a School Assessment of Educational Equity](#)

WATCH for more information on the **Winter “How To” Sessions: January – Restorative Justice; February- Special Education; and March – Negotiating Contracts**

WINTER BOARD TRAINING CLASSES – METRO AREA

Board Course 100 & 300 – **Saturday, February 9, 2019** – *St. Paul*

Board Course 100 – **Tuesday, March 12, 2019** – *St. Paul*

Board Course 300 – **Tuesday, March 19, 2019** – *St. Paul*

Course 200 (School Finance) is offered **online** every month January – March.

REGISTRATION FOR THESE WINTER COURSES WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 2, 2019

INNOVATION AWARDS APPLICATION AVAILABLE TOMORROW - NOV 1st

In last week’s issue of the Weekly, we highlighted the winner ([Academy for Sciences and Agriculture](#)) in the category “**Different and Innovative Teaching Methods**”. This week we want to recognize the other school finalist in that category and a brief synopsis of their innovation in teaching methods.

- **Career Pathways** - This innovation provides a framework for teachers to create individualized pathways for students to gain high school credit. The concept driving this application is a differentiated assessment model designed to measure student outcomes that capture each student’s previous knowledge and mastery in a content area.

Our hope in sharing the innovations of the winners and finalist that your school will be inspired to focus on the innovative purposes of chartered public schools and consider applying for the [2019 Awards](#).

THE ASSOCIATION’S WORK

As part of our initiative to raise the awareness of the Association, every week we are looking at a particular aspect of the Association’s work, some of which is very visible and direct, while other aspects are more behind the scenes, in order for member and non-members to get a better sense of the Association’s Work. This week:

QUARTERLY SCHOOL DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS MEETINGS

For several years, the Association has facilitated quarterly school director/administrator meetings (Open to member and non-member schools) as a means of building community, fostering cooperation between schools, and sharing information and resources. The meetings are held in the fall, winter and spring in both the metro area and greater Minnesota.

FALL – 2018 QUARTERLY SCHOOL DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATOR MEETINGS

We want to thank the school directors/administrators who took time to attend and participate in this fall's meetings last week in Proctor and Rochester, and this week in St. Louis Park and St. Paul.

The winter meetings in **Proctor will be held on Wednesday, January 30th, Rochester on Thursday, January 31st**. The locations for the meetings in the **metro area** are still in the process of being finalized, but the meetings will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5th and 6th**.

MEET THE MACS BOARD



Darius Husain – Board Chair (Seat B, 2019)

Darius Husain serves as both the **Executive Director & Program Director of Face to Face Academy** in St. Paul, MN. Mr. Husain holds a B.A. in Psychology with an emphasis on experiential education from St. John's University. He also completed Master's course work in School Counseling at the University of St. Thomas. Mr. Husain has presented on a variety of educational topics including strategies for increasing math and reading proficiency, best fiscal practices, environmental education and addressing compassion fatigue among staff in urban schools. Concurrently, he is the Director of Research for the International Medical and Educational Trust and, in that capacity, has co-authored the book, *Road Map to Power*, that gains inspiration in part with his work with Charter School students.