MACS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The Board of Directors appreciates the members (64%) who took the time to vote in the election, congratulates the winners, and thanks those who put themselves forward as candidates.

ELECTED TO THE FOUR TWO-YEAR TERMS (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024):

SEAT D - Katie Groh de Aviña, (El Colegio Charter School, Minneapolis) - 73.33%
SEAT B - Peter Wieczorek, (Northwest Passage High School, Coon Rapids) - 62.67%
SEAT A - Tonicia Abdur Salaam, (JJ Legacy, Minneapolis) - 45.33%
SEAT C - Kevin Xiong, (New Millennium Academy, Brooklyn Center) - 42.67% *
SEAT A - Jodi Dansingburg, (Ridgeway Community School, Ridgeway) - 42.67% *

*Given the tie between Kevin Xiong and Jodi Dansingburg, the Board resolved that one of the two would be appointed to fill a one-year vacancy which will occur on June 30th with Dr. Charvez Russell leaving his position at Friendship Academy. Jodi Dansingburg, an incumbent board member, volunteered to serve the one-year term until June 30, 2023. This seat will be up for a full two-year term in 2023.

Betsy Lueth, (Twin Cities Academy, St. Paul) - 40.00%
Tim Tydlacka, (Harbor City International School, Duluth) - 29.33%
Shannon Peterson, (Lakes International Language Academy, Forest Lake) - 26.67%
Samuel Yigzaw, (Higher Ground Academy, St. Paul) - 20.00%

The Board also appointed Carl Schlueter as a Community Member on the Board effective July 1, when he becomes the Executive Director of Banyan Community – a non-profit in the Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis focused on transforming lives by developing youth, strengthening families, and creating community. Carl will replace Beth Topoluk, who will term out on June 30th.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We want to express the Association’s thanks and appreciation to Julie Guy, Executive Director (Sojourner Truth Academy, Minneapolis), for her service as a board member, Treasurer, and Executive Committee member; and Beth Topoluk (Friends of Education) for her service as a board member, Governance Committee Chair, and Executive Committee member. They both term-out according to the By-laws. Their contributions to the work of the Board will be greatly missed.

We also want to express the Association’s thanks and appreciation to Dr. Charvez Russell for his service as a board member. Dr. Russell has been appointed the Pastor of his church, so is leaving his position as Executive Director of Friendship Academy in Minneapolis and will be leaving the Board at the end of June. We wish him well in his new role as pastor of his church.

MACS BOARD TO CREATE A TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL

On Monday, May 16th, the MACS Board approved a proposal to create a Charter School Teacher Advisory Council. As you know, in statute, one of the purposes of chartered public schools is to create new professional opportunities for teachers. So, in keeping with that goal, the Board approved the establishment of a Charter School Teacher Advisory Council to provide a new professional opportunity for teachers at the state level. The role of the Advisory Council will be to provide advice from the perspective of teachers to the MACS board and staff in the following areas:

- Public Policy Issues and Proposals
- Human Resource Issues in Chartered Schools
- Role of Teachers in Charter School Governance and Management

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

AT THE MEETING, THE MACS BOARD ALSO:

- Approved the Association’s FY23 budget
- Approved a revised JOB DESCRIPTION for MACS BOARD MEMBERS – including a requirement that each board member visit at least one member school a year
- Approved the Substitute Teacher Reimbursement Rate to schools whose teachers serve on Association Committees (i.e. Re-licensure Committee)
- Approved the FY23 MACS contract with EdVisions Cooperative
• Authorized the engagement with an accounting firm to prepare the Association’s 990 and Attorney General Report for this current fiscal year
• Reviewed the findings of the MDE report: Minnesota’s Authorizer Performance Evaluation System (MAPES) Round Two Summary Report
• Reviewed two Issue Primers on school finance
• Discussed a definition of who qualifies as a teacher for service on a charter school board

## JUNE BOARD TRAINING COURSES

MACS will be offering two board training opportunities in June. Course 100 will be held on Thursday, June 9th at the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul and Course 200 will be offered online starting Friday, June 10th until Monday, June 20th. Visit our calendar for details and registration.

## CHARTER SCHOOL DAY @ THE ST. PAUL SAINTS

We are excited to announce that the Charter School Day at the St. Paul Saints will be Sunday, June 12th. There will be interesting on-field events and entertainment. Tickets for the game are only $17 and include a St. Paul Saints baseball cap. All charter school families, staff, and boards are invited. Click here for more information.

## NOMINATIONS FOR RELICENSEURE COMMITTEE

Nominations are being accepted for seats on the MACS Relicensure Committee. We have 2 seats opening for licensed teachers and 1 admin seat opening. Seats are for 2-year terms running August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2024. Applicants must be from a MACS member school. If people do not run for seats, we will not be able to continue to process license renewals next year. Please let your staff know!

If you are interested in running, please complete the self-nomination form and submit it us no later than Friday, May 20.

## SCHOOL NEWS

• Arcadia Charter Schools, Northfield. The Northfield News published an article that explores the innovative learning taking place at Arcadia. 8 high school students spent nearly 292 hours creating a video game that captures their learning while at Arcadia, which involves project-based and group-based learning. Learn more here.
• **Eagle Ridge Academy, Minnetonka**: The National Merit Scholarship Corp recently named winners for their scholarship prizes. Erik Teder, from Eagle Ridge Academy, was among the recipients. Congratulations, Erik! Learn more [here](#).

We want to hear from you! Please send any school stories or news to Addie.

### CALENDAR

**June**

- Thursday, June 9 - [Board Training Course 100](#) - Wilder Foundation
- Friday, June 10 - 20th - [Board Training Course 200](#) - Online
- Sunday, June 12 - [Charter School Day at the Saints](#) - CHS Field
- Wednesday, June 22 - [MACS Board of Directors Retreat](#)

Click on an event or [visit our website](#) for details, registration, and other events.

### THANK YOU, CORPORATE SPONSORS

Click on a logo to visit their website.

For a list of all our Corporate Sponsors, [please visit our website](#).

"*Unleashing education from convention*" - is more than the MACS motto, it is a reminder of our purpose, our goals and it serves as a clarion Call To Action.
Copyright © 2022 Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, All rights reserved.

You were added to this list as a sample email to test out MailChimp.

Our mailing address is:
Minnesota Association of Charter Schools
161 St. Anthony Avenue, Suite 1000
St Paul, MN 55103

Add us to your address book

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.