



2016 – MACS Board Candidate Biographies and Statements

[Candidates are listed in alphabetical order]



Patty Brostrom

PATTY BROSTROM* [incumbent]

Minnesota Transitions Charter School – Minneapolis – Superintendent - Years at School: 19

Educational Background: Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Master's in School Administration and Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership.

Leadership Positions and Achievements: Board Chair, MN Transitions Charter School 1999-2004; Director, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools 2014 –Present; Advisory Council Member for Perkins Consortium.

What do you see as the challenges and/or opportunities ahead for Minnesota's charter school movement over the next five years? Even though charter schools have been a part of the MN educational system for 25 years there are still challenges. Charter school advocates still need to promote school choice and quality charter schools to the public. There are great opportunities for charter school leaders to work with MDE and the Legislature to continue the successful charter school movement.

What is your understanding of the mission and goals of the MN Association of Charter Schools? MACS supports charter school innovation and accountability. The MACS organization assists with legislative goals that will benefit students who attend MN charter schools. MACS is also a supportive organization for charter school leaders and teachers.



Nancy Dana

NANCY DANA* [incumbent]

St Paul City School– St Paul - Director - Years at School: 10

Educational Background: Masters in Educational Leadership, K-12 Principal, Ed.S, Superintendent

Leadership Positions and Achievements: Start up coordinator for 11 charters
Closed 3 charters, Harvard Urban Educator, HOBY Leadership Award, Woman of Distinction, Girl Scouts USA, Executive Director/ Superintendent 5 Charters

What do you see as the challenges and/or opportunities ahead for Minnesota's charter school movement over the next five years? Finances, property ownership and expansions, authorizer roles and responsibilities, survival in the big sea in a little boat!

What is your understanding of the mission and goals of the MN Association of Charter Schools?

To represent the member schools, and in some cases ALL charter schools to promote innovation, choice, high quality and integrity as part of the public education available to the communities in Minnesota.



Danielle Perich

DANIELLE PERICH* [incumbent]

Duluth Edison Charter Schools-Raleigh Academy – Duluth - Principal – Years at School: 5

Education Background: University of Minnesota Duluth - K-12 Principal Certification, Concordia University - MA Educational Leadership, Valley City State University - Bachelor of Science in Education

Leadership Positions and Achievements: Principal Raleigh Academy 5 years, 2011-2016, Academy Director Kenwood Academy 5 years, 2006-2011, MACS Board Member 2 years, 2014-2016

What do you see as the challenges and/or opportunities ahead for Minnesota's charter school movement over the next five years? I look forward to the movement for early childhood funding as we work towards educating the whole child and providing education and support early to prepare them for kindergarten. I see the need to continue to develop and strengthen the capacity of charter school leaders. I also want to see the networking between charters to continue to grow and those relationships strengthening for the benefit of our students.

What is your understanding of the mission and goals of the MN Association of Charter Schools? Advocacy for charter school policy issues while supporting innovation and holding schools accountable and providing support as they assure excellence in education for our students.



BRYAN ROSSI

Rochester STEM Academy – Rochester - Director - Years at School: 3

Educational Background: University of Minnesota, Ph.D., December, 2001, Education Policy and Administration; University of St. Thomas, M.A., December, 1989 Curriculum and Instruction; University of Minnesota, B.S. Education, with Distinction, August, 1976 French; Université de Paris, Sorbonne IV, La Musique et L'Italien - 1974-75

Leadership Positions and Achievements: Executive Director of Rochester STEM Academy Charter High School 2013 to present. Cofounder and Executive Director of Novation Education Opportunities, a single purpose charter school authorizer approved by the Minnesota Department of Education, June, 2010. Dakota Jazz Club 25th Anniversary performance Nicollet Mall HSRA and Chantel Winn, July 17, 2010. High School for Recording Arts achieves Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), June, 2010. National radio appearance on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion Show Caribbean Cruise with Salsa del Soul, March 13-21, 2010. Coordinated High School for Recording Arts (HSRA) student training sessions for lobbying primary seat belt law legislation passed by the Minnesota legislature in the spring of 2009 in collaboration with State Farm Insurance, the University of Minnesota Hubert Humphrey Institute, and the Meharry Medical College of Nashville, TN. National radio appearance on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion Show and Street Dance with Salsa del Soul, September 26, 2009, St. Paul, MN. Inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame with the Judd Group, May 2008. Coached the HSRA Jazz Group for performance at Orchestra Hall, April 17, 2008. Coordinated and facilitated MTV production, Hip Hop High, Fall 2007. Coordinated and facilitated student presentation at the National Charter School Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April, 2007 which included helping students create a Theme Song for the 15th Anniversary of Charter Schools. Wrote successful application, federal grant, and EdVisions Gates grants for Learning for Leadership and Dakota Charter schools. Author Minnesota Higher Education Services Office grant/contract (2005) for \$75,000 6-12 stay in school/go to college initiative with the Gear Up and Get Ready programs and High School for Recording Arts. Author of Service Learning Resource Guide for University of Florida. Tallahassee, and Learn and Serve America, 2005

What do you see as the challenges and/or opportunities ahead for Minnesota's charter school movement over the next five years? Challenges continue in education financing and supporting our youth, particularly students of color and students living in poverty. This also includes fighting for equity in charter school funding such as the disparities found in ADM calculations for charter school students participating in PSEO.

Opportunities continue to abound in creative approaches to improving education for all students through the charter school movement.

What is your understanding of the mission and goals of the MN Association of Charter Schools?

MACS "promotes innovation, quality, choice and accountability in public education by promoting charter schools in Minnesota" and "unleashes education from convention".

My understanding of the mission and goals of MACS is to support and promote the innovation and creativity that charter schools offer ensure the success of students.

Balloting Closes Friday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.