



MTCS | Minnesota Transitions Charter School

K-12 Academic Community

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Dennis Carlson, Superintendent
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Board Election 2017 Candidate Description

Teacher Nominees:

Andrea Miller

Director of ESL Program and two year MTCS Board Member

I am looking forward to helping move our community in a positive direction.

Matthew Finnesgard

MTCS Charter School, Special Education Coordinator

I have had the pleasure to work with Minnesota Virtual High School, MTS Secondary, MTS Elementary and PEASE Academy. Because of those experiences, I have a unique view of the goals and needs of the different schools.

I believe that the district is on the verge of something great. I would like to be a part of the team that helps to shape the future of our schools. We are a great district with some great people, and I'd be honored to service them anyway I can.

Britta Hagstrom

Kindergarten Teacher at Banaadir Academy North

I have always been an extremely passionate educator. I feel that since I started at MTCS I have always pushed for excellence in myself and in my students. Many of the students we serve have to work harder to achieve success. My goal is to help them succeed, in any way I can. My dedication to MTCS, our students and their families, makes me a great candidate for the school board.

My experiences teaching at Banaadir Academy over the past 4 years have pushed me to grow as an educator and deepen my knowledge and insight into educational matters. I believe that I would be a valuable asset to the MTCS school board because of these experiences. The students within my school and our entire learning community need passionate advocates who will strive for student success.



Community Member Nominees:

Aden Hussein

Business manager

Leadership ability begins at a young age. MTCS has played a major role in shaping our children's success in education.

I am interested in becoming a board member as I understand the importance of supporting the future generations.

Rand Retterath

Branch Manager/Marketing Supervisor and current MTCS Board Member

My skills that I have brought already in the area of fiscal responsibility/integrity, accounting and audit practices, clarity of statement as well as marketing and communication with the public.

I support the mission of the schools as it relates to specific categories of the student as well as creating safe, informative, educational alternative to the public schools and mainstream parochial.

Richard Ward

Investment Representative

I have worked with MTCS and the General Colin L Powell Leadership Academy for many years. Sponsored awards commencements, requested them as Color Guards for many ceremonies. I have been impressed with the cadets contributing to our annual Memorial Day ceremonies as Color Guard, and presenters of Logan's Orders and the Gettysburg address. I am the American Legion Oratorical Chairman and encourage cadets to complete each and every year.

I have seen these students in action and they are committed to focus. Their leaders have instilled in them the will to succeed. I would love to be a part of the continued success.

Dr. Betty Mitchell

Senior Pastor, overseer of youth activities, education and mentoring

Life motto: 5p's! Proper preparation prevents poor performance. If this can be instilled in our youth, result will be more productive lives!

I am interested in the board position to exercise "voice" in the community especially revolving around youth/young adults = my passion. Advocate for other.