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Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs Newsletter
Steve Allen, Editor

Here is all the latest news from the world of alternative education in the state of Minnesota. You can also check out our [website](#) for more information.

President's Report

By Peter Lundin

MAAP Membership

MAAP has been a creative, flexible, and dynamic association for decades. Evidence of this is seen at MAAP STARS events, our state conference, and in every alternative program throughout the state. The ability to 'engage' is the magic we see in our students when they become part of something bigger than themselves. Being engaged is also what membership is all about. Here's what we will be doing in the coming months to support, expand and engage MAAP membership throughout the state of Minnesota...

First, we will be seeking out new programs across the state. Over the next few months, Regional Directors will be calling programs old and new, establishing contact and renewing relationships. With a refreshed database, MAAP moves on to its second step. Newsletters specific to the issues and concerns of each region will begin to appear. The intention is to reinvigorate MAAP's ability to lead, promote, and support innovative learning experiences because 'We All Do Better When We All Do Better'!

Summer Board Retreat

Board retreat initiatives by the numbers:

- Marketing - Internal and External
 - » The organization needs to support a robust marketing plan.
- Diversifying Membership
 - » This initiative seeks to diversify our membership, create sponsorships and recruit and develop leaders (for succession of leadership) and identify other stakeholders by identifying the benefits of being a MAAP member.
- Seeking Additional Resources
 - » This initiative is intended to seek additional resources; pursue grants and identify needs to be accomplished.

It should be noted that some of these initiatives have already been started in some capacity.

Please contact your Regional Director (<http://www.maapmn.org/RegionState-Map.html>) if you have questions or would like to engage with an exceptional organization!

MDE Update

By Salley Reynolds

Once again the collaboration between MDE & MAAP was successful in bringing alternative educators together. We offered twenty (20) sessions on topics from finance to MIERS 2.0, creating absent narratives, student accounting practices, and sharing best practices. There were one hundred and two (102) educators that registered in advance, with eleven (11) registering on the same day. CEUs were offered for each session, including those for administrators.

The average rating given by participants for all sessions (of 54% responding) was 7.75 out of ten (10). Most surprising from the feedback survey was around the date of the conference (4.4 out of 5), the venue (4.6), and the

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food (4.5). This feedback is very helpful in planning for future events – both on what is of interest and when, where, and how these events take place.

Thank you to everyone that supports every effort to gather as a community and share about our practice.



MAAP STARS Fall Leadership Conference

By Patti Haasch

The MAAP STARS 25th Annual Fall Leadership Conference is being held October 10 & 11 at Lake Beauty Camp in Long Prairie, MN. Registrations are due Wednesday, September 26. Information and registration packets are on the MAAP website. This is a two-day conference for student leaders and their advisors.

Each school/program may bring up to 5 students. The conference will focus on developing a team of student leaders who will lead on a local level and help motivate other students back at their school to get involved in MAAP

STARS. The students and staff stay together as a team for the workshop sessions. They will be planning what their MAAP STARS Chapter will do for this school year.

During the conference, students will elect a team of their peers to serve as the MAAP STARS State Leadership Team throughout the school year. Each program attending the Fall Conference may have one student run for office. That candidate will give a three-minute campaign speech to their peers so the others get to know who they are and hear why they would make a good representative for alternative education and MAAP STARS.

Conference Organizers are Konie & Mike at the St. Cloud McKinley Area Learning Center. Their contact information is on the forms. They've planned a GREAT conference and Lake Beauty Camp offers some pre-conference activities as well.

The MAAP STARS Fall Leadership Conference is a great opportunity to build/improve upon a MAAP STARS Chapter in your school with students gaining leadership and team building skills! It's an awesome way to build a community within your school and meet others from around the state who are involved in alternative education. Come join the fun!

Patti Haasch
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MAAP 101

By Greg Zimmerman

The Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs is once again proud to present, MAAP 101. MAAP 101 is a one day conference designed to support new and relatively new teachers to alternative education. The goal is to provide tools they can quickly add to their toolbox as well as providing training on what teaching in an alternative setting is all about, building relationships. If you have new staff in your program, we highly encourage them to attend. On the other hand, MAAP 101 is not exclusively for new teachers! We know that veteran teachers could use an opportunity to sharpen their horns and remind themselves why they got into alternative education. We would love to see you at MAAP 101 as well. We have an incredible lineup of presenters this year! The cost is only \$50. And that includes lunch! You will be hard pressed to find a more valuable one day conference. Please join us for a great day of sharing

on October 5 at Ivan Sand Community High School in Elk River. For registration forms visit <http://www.maapmn.org/images/2018MAAP101/2018MAAP101RegistrationForm.pdf> For other questions, visit <http://www.maapmn.org/2018MAAP101.html> or contact Greg Zimmerman at gzimmerman@pillagercharter.org



MAAP Administrative Workshop

By Steve Allen



When: Friday, November 2nd, 2018
Where: MDE Conference Center A

This workshop is intended to allow practitioners time to listen to and discuss administrative issues with colleagues and professional resources.

Agenda –

- 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM – Registration and Coffee
- 8:00 AM – 8:10 AM – Welcome and Introduction – Peter Lundin
- 8:10 AM – 8:30 AM – Update on Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Michael Diedrich

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Inside-Out Leadership – Empowering Staff to Empower Students – Eric Serbus
- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM – State Conference Information – Kristyn Martin
- 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM – Break and Networking
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Breakout Session A:
- Digital Curriculum and the Digital Divide – Providing Equal Access in an Era of Online Curriculum Delivery – Jon Fila
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Breakout Session B: Are You Really an “Alternative”? – Sally Reynolds
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Breakout Session C: Tools for determining Projected Revenue – Michael Schwartz
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Breakout Session D: Updates to high school equivalency testing and Minnesota’s process to determine high school equivalency test or tests as of July 2019 – Brad Hasskamp
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Breakout Session A: Leading the Change for Personalized, Digital Learning – Jeff Plaman
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Breakout Session B: McKinney Vento Law and Academic Interventions for Homeless Students – Anne McInerney
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Breakout Session C: Looking Back While Looking Forward: What’s Really Important! – Lisa Weber
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Breakout Session D: School Transformation – Participate In A Discussion With the Author – Wayne Jennings
- 11:30 PM – 12:15 PM – Lunch
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM – Breakout Session A: Trauma-Informed Classrooms – Julie Beaufeaux
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM – Breakout Session B: The Do’s and Don’ts of Targeted Services – Mary Barrie
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM – Breakout Session C: Administrative Issues and Concerns (Panel Discussion) – Kathy Johnson, Gretchen Harriman, Steve Hammero, Christine Sanguinet
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM – Breakout Session D: Starting and Managing MAAP STARS Programs – Patti Haasch
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Breakout Session A: Getting Students Involved in Your Community – Bill Zimmiewicz and Sara Betru
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Breakout Session B: Overlap of Mental Health and Special Education – Julie Beaufeaux
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Breakout Session C: Reimagining CLPs – Ideas to Maximize Usefulness – Eric Serbus
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Breakout Session D: Disciplining with Dignity” – Tom Hoffman
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – Breakout Session A: Curriculum Planning and Professional Development – Cliff Skagen
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – Breakout Session B: Breakout Session C: Student Reporting and Finance – Kelly Wosika
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – Breakout Session C: Restorative Practices In Schools – Nancy Riestenberg
- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – Breakout Session D: Diversity and Equity in the Classroom – Brandon Wait, Patrick Seka



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and Heidi Rybarczyk

- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Complete your evaluations and pick up your CEU's.

Registration

Registration is \$75.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To register for the Friday, November 2nd MAAP “Administrative Issues and Concerns” workshop, go to <http://www.maapmn.org/events/>. (To assist us with planning and food preparation, we would appreciate it if you could have your registrations submitted by October 25th, 2018).

Questions and/or concerns can be directed to Steve Allen at 763-689-4055 or sallen958@gmail.com.

State Conference Update

By Kristyn Martin

The 2019 MAAP Conference is being held in Duluth on February 6, 7 & 8th. Planning is well on its way, so the Conference Planning Committee has exciting updates to share.

Theme - “We All Do Better When We All Do Better!”



Keynote Speakers

This year the conference will be highlighting two keynote speakers. Dr. Ross Greene will be taking the podium on Friday morning (2/8/19). Dr. Ross Greene has generated excitement

amongst our members. His presentation came highly recommended by numerous members, and we were in luck to find that he was available during the MAAP conference. His presentation will focus on the Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) Model. The CPS Model is “the non-punitive, non-adversarial, trauma-informed model of care” created by Dr. Ross Greene. His keynote will deliver evidence based practices that will provide tools for staff who interact with students that exhibit challenging behaviors. Our conference theme is “We All Do Better When We All Do Better!” and we know that when our most challenging students are showing signs or strides of growth, we are ALL doing better. This is one keynote you will not want to miss. Dr. Ross Greene will also be giving a follow up breakout session immediately following his keynote on Friday morning.

On Wednesday (2/6/19) evening, our second keynote, Elliot Washor, will give his presentation. Elliot has been involved in school reform for more than 30 years as a teacher, principal, administrator, video producer, and writer. He has taught and is interested in all levels of school from kindergarten through college, in urban and rural settings, across all disciplines. His work has spanned across school design, pedagogy, learning environments, and education reform and is supporting others doing similar work throughout the world. Elliot's interests lie in the field of how schools can connect with communities to understand tacit and disciplinary learning both in and outside of school. Elliot is deeply committed to imagining Big Picture Learning as a ‘do-think-do’ organization, and persistently pushes the boundaries of its design in order to continually innovate practice and influence in the world of education.



Large Group Presentations

This year, there will be no keynote speaker on Thursday. Instead there will be a variety of breakout sessions, and large group presentations. MDE, Mental Health Practitioners, Authors, Duluth YMCA and more have signed on to partner with MAAP to provide our members with opportunities and information that can build or grow alternative programming.

Breakout Sessions

Our conference will only be as good as our breakout presenters. Luckily, we have the best practitioners in the state that share “what works” in their programs. If you see something “that works” in your program, please consider presenting at this years MAAP Conference. The application is simple, and you receive a \$30 discount. Need examples? We've had teachers/administrators/social workers present on topics ranging from advisory activities, lessons and field trips, to building your own race car and much more. If you are doing something you are proud of in your schools, please share it with us at the 2019 MAAP Conference!

Considering Presenting? Fill out this RFP. It's quick and easy!

[Presenters RFP](#)



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Registration

Our 2019 Registration and pricing will be kept on our website. We are days from our registration system going live on our MAAP website. We will post on Facebook when our registration system is up and ready. Want updates on the Conference when they happen? Like us on Facebook (Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs) to stay in the know about what's happening across the state, as well as updates on the 2019 Conference.

Awards

Because We All Do Better When We All Do Better!, we need to highlight the staff and programs that make alternative education what it truly is! We want to recognize the contribution of exceptional individuals and programs to the mission and vitality of MAAP and to the overall well-being of Minnesota education.

How to nominate: To nominate an individual or program you feel is deserving of this award, please complete the online form and submit it electronically to Laura Freer. The link to the form can be found on the MAAP website or go to <https://goo.gl/Xme8Cf>.

All submissions must be completed by 4:00 PM on December 3, 2018.

MAAP WEBSITE www.maapmn.org

Follow all Conference information on our website page. This includes nominations for our annual Awards and hotel information.

DISCOUNTS

If you'd like to receive discounts at our conference, take advantage of the early bird pricing and register before December 14, 2018 to receive \$30 off your registration fee. Looking for more discounts? Present at the conference

and receive an additional \$30 off your fees. Also, remember that all full-time college students and student teachers have to pay only \$100.00 for attending the conference. This is a great deal!

The 2019 Conference is shaping up to be one to remember! You will not want to miss this one. See you all in Duluth!

General Conference Information

- Conference theme: **"We All Do Better When We All Do Better!"**
- Dates of Conference: February 6th, 7th and 8th, 2019
- Location of Conference: DECC in Duluth
- Conference registration fees:
 - » \$445 for three days;
 - » \$345 for two days and
 - » \$315 for one day
 - » Early Bird registration deadline by December 14, 2019 (\$30.00 reduction)
 - » Conference Presenter link (\$30.00 reduction in registration fees): [Conference Presenter RFP](#)
 - » Conference Awards Link: <https://goo.gl/Xme8Cf>
- Hotel Information:
 - » The Duluth Holiday Inn Downtown has been designated as our Conference Hotel
 - » Standard rooms have been discounted to \$92.00
 - » (A discounted rate for other rooms is available if members would like to up-grade.)
 - » All room rates are net non-commissionable and do not include appropriate State and local

taxes, currently 13.88%.

- » To make reservations, please call 218-722-1202 and let them know you will be attending the MAAP conference.
- » Cut off for special rates is January 15, 2019.

State Conference Vendors and Exhibitors

By Deanna Chiodo

Below is a letter that I send to vendors and exhibitors. Please feel free to forward it to any vendor or exhibitor that you would like to see attend our conference this year. We provide a lot of opportunities for vendors and exhibitors to participate in our conference. If you do not want to reach out to them yourself, just send me their contact information.

See you in Duluth!

Deanna

Greetings,

It's not too early to begin thinking about the 36th Annual MAAP State Conference. This year's conference is February 6th, 7th, and 8th at the DECC Center in Duluth. This year's theme is: We all do better when we all do better.

First of all, I would like to invite you back to this year's conference. If you're a new exhibitor or vendor, I would like to welcome you to what we think is one of the best conferences in the State!

We continue to monitor and adjust our exhibitor and vendor offerings based upon feedback that you provide and that our members give us. We will again be having the vendor area be available on the first two days of the conference (February 6th and 7th).



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We also will again be encouraging our members to play Exhibitor/Vendor Bingo and participate in our MAAP Scavenger Hunt as a means to help attract people to your display areas. We will once again attempt to locate our exhibitors and vendors in high traffic areas and to provide some food in the area, as well. Some exhibitors and vendors have requested more opportunities for advertisement and breakout session presentations. You will see below some of the new opportunities that we have made available to you.

Exhibitor / Vendor Options

Option number 1 -

Regular Vendor / Exhibitor includes booth and table, cost \$300 for profit and \$150.00 for nonprofit.

Option number 2 -

Bronze Vendor / Exhibitor includes booth and table and 1/2 page insert in conference materials, cost \$400 for profit and \$250 for nonprofit.

Option number 3 -

Silver Vendor / Exhibitor includes booth and table, full page insert in conference materials, cost \$500 for profit and \$350 for nonprofit.

Option number 4 -

Gold Vendor / Exhibitor includes booth and table, full page insert in conference materials, and Vendor / Exhibitor breakout session, cost \$750 for profit and \$500 for nonprofit.

Option number 5 -

The Olympic Decathlon includes booth and table, full page insert in conference materials, Vendor / Exhibitor breakout session and sponsorship at one of our large group assemblies, cost \$1500 for profit and \$1000 for nonprofit. Please respond as soon as possible to assure time for printing and/or the arrangement of a vendor/exhibitor

breakout session.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns or for directions for registering via our event registration system.

Sincerely,

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