Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, October 9, 2023 TIME: 6:00 pm

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Mission: Maple Grove Charter School seeks to develop the whole child through the provision of exploratory experiences where students will engage in a hands-on approach in project development through cultural connections to our traditions, opportunities, and our greater community.
Vision: Maple Grove Charter School will honor and sustain our proud history and traditions through educational excellence for community students, families, and residents.

1. Call to Order **at 6:01 PM by Kelly Hirn**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - **Karen Gauerke, Jasmin Skerven, Kelly Hirn, Dawn Nonn-arrived at 6:03, Rebecca Primm, and Kelly Soczka-Steidinger. Absent - Cindy Artus (non-voting)**

   Guests Sarah and Tim from DPI

4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.

5. Approval of minutes from the Sept 2023 Board Meeting and Special Sept Meeting.

   Rebecca motioned to approve the Sept 2023 Board Meeting minutes and Kelly Soczka-Steidinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

   Karen Gauerke motioned to approve the Special Sept Meeting minutes and Kelly Soczka-Steidinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Acknowledge Public Participation – Community members can address the Governance Board if they wish to do so. Public comments will be noted and addressed later in the meeting by the Board. Any public comments not relating to an agenda item for this meeting will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

   No comments.

7. Recognition - Governance Board, Principal and/or Superintendent will take this opportunity to recognize community members, teachers, parents, etc. who have supported Maple Grove Charter School during the past month. Any thank you notes or other positive correspondence received will also be shared at this time.

   Robin Hanson gave a shout-out to the Maple Grove Foundation for sponsoring Popcorn Friday's.

8. New Business:

   8.1 Academic performance measures discussion (10 min)

   8.1.1 Sample wording

Reviewed sample wording examples brought and presented by Sarah from DPI. Discussion took place regarding the revision of Student Goals. Discussed aligning revisions with the goals of the school district's strategic plan while providing for autonomy as a charter school.

Discussed the process of revising the contract over the next year. Plan made to review and complete revisions as a whole board by breaking it down piece by piece at upcoming board meetings. Discussed that a copy of the district's strategic plan will be brought to the next meeting.

8.2 Charter Schools Program State Entities grant (10 min)

Sarah and Tim from DPI shared that Wisconsin was awarded a large 58 Million Dollar Grant for charter schools. With this grant award, existing subgrantees including Maple Grove Charter School should be brought over. The logistics have not yet been determined. Sarah relayed that right now our grant is in a holding pattern until these moves happen. It was discussed and recommended by Sarah that the board and district hold off on making any big grant purchases until the money is back in Wise Grants.

8.3 Governance Board Members (5 min)

There have been no applications for the board since the last advertised deadline. Discussed wanting a diverse group of people on the board. Discussed how it would be desirable to have a community member who may also be a local business owner or community partner. Discussed doing outreach to community partners to see if there is any interest. Kelly Hirn with the PR and Marketing Committee will create an informative letter with bullet points to provide to people during outreach efforts.

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 Principal's Report (10 minutes)

Robin Hanson shared regarding the work plan that she has been developing with staff. She is working to align it with the district's strategic plan. Robin shared about the school's Crew meetings which focus on the CRISP traits. CRISP traits are also part of the morning announcements and Robin ties in EL language such as "I wonder", and "I noticed". Robin shared that as a school they are focusing on literacy this year but are not losing sight of math skills. Related to math skills, peer-led number talks continue and take place every day for 10 minutes. Robin shared that the school's first and second grade teachers will be completing Letters Training. To conclude, Robin shared that she is developing CRISP surveys as a way to collect more data regarding how students are learning and demonstrating these traits. Robin agreed to share quotes from data collected to future board meetings.

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 Results of annual budget meeting

9.3 Budget (10 min)

9.3.1 Grant 22/23

9.3.2 Grant 23/24

Per the previous discussion regarding the status of grant funds Dawn Nonn suggested to wait on reviewing the grant/budget.

9.4 Committee Updates (5 min)

9.4.1 Finance Committee

Discussed cost of MAPS school forest trips. Discussed that there is not enough money budgeted by the Governance Board for the entire cost of these trips and transportation for this year. Rebecca Primm asked about the AAA Trip that did not take place in a previous year. Jasmin Skerven will look back at notes from April/May of 2022 to determine what was decided regarding this AAA Trip.

9.4.2 Grant Committee

Reviewed three options for a Greenhouse Shed. Discussed how the committee came to the conclusion to research/pursue a shed. Discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a shed. Given the holding pattern of our grant money, Kelly Soczka-Steidinger motioned to table this discussion until spring. Karen Gauerke seconded and this motion passed unanimously.

9.5 PTO Updates (5min)

Rebecca Primm shared on plans for the Fall Festival, which will include face painting, a scavenger hunt, a book/cake walk. Hot dogs and chips will be served. The PTO will also be providing staff meals for parent-teacher conferences. The holiday cookie sale will be coming up. The PTO is also working with the Maple Grove Foundation to put together holiday bags. They held their meeting at 3:30 today and now have a full board.

9.6 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes)

Beth Plisch shared that the foundation is working on implementing the Kwik Trip card fundraiser which Cindy will coordinate on Popcorn Firday's.

9.7 Charter Review (5 min)

9.7.1 Academic performance measures

Reviewed and discussed continuing to work on the assessment component.

10. Adjournment

Dawn Nonn motioned to adjourn and Karen Gauerke seconded. This motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.