Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, October 10, 2022

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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 **6:03 PM**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - **Shaina Franzen (late arrival 6:10 PM), Jasmin Skerven, Kelly Hirn, Dawn Nonn, Rebecca Primm, Angie Servi. Absent: Cindy Artus**

4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted and sent to the news media.

5. Approval of minutes from the September 2022 Board Meeting and September 2022 Special Board Meeting (New Member Orientation). **Motion to approve given by Rebecca Primm and seconded by Kelly Hirn.**

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.

   Maple Grove Foundation provided a $500 check for referendum marketing which will go to purchase neutral materials encouraging the community to vote.

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.

   Angie verbalized and acknowledged the smooth start to the school year and all the work teachers and staff do to make that happen.

8. New Business:
   8.1 Superintendent's Report - including referendum overview (time allocation: 15 minutes)

Andrea Sheridan shared regarding the referendum. She explained that there will be three township meetings this evening where personal conversations around the referendum will be the focus. Andrea shared an overview of the referendum fact sheet and spoke about operational referendum question 1 & capital referendum question 2. She shared that the school district has made a comprehensive communication for the referendum and that the next school board meeting is on the 24th of October.

   8.2 Committees discussion - what is necessary and who is interested? (time allocation: 10 minutes)

Discussion on future committee ideas. Dawn indicated the need for a finance committee. Ideas also included public relations/marketing where there would be some time spent reaching out to businesses such as maple syrup producers in hopes of collaborating, marketing the school, and potential financial contributions. Kelly and Angie discussed a committee around school advancement/grants. Discussed coming back to these committee ideas when our new board member is added.

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 Board training updates (10 minutes)

Angie shared a board development opportunity. On December 6th from 4-5 PM there will be a zoom training on Leadership Evaluation. Discussed that this training may provide clarification on this process.
Angie also shared that Sarah Hackett is creating a three-year plan for our board. Angie is in communication with Sarah about this plan and will bring it to the board when finalized.

9.2 Board vacancy posting (5 minutes)

The vacancy is posted and applications are due 10/28/22. Will plan to meet applicants at the November meeting and vote on a new member then.

9.3 Friends of Maple Grove, Inc. Finances (10 minutes)

(background info: June 2022 and July 2022 minutes; budget breakdown)

Dawn indicated that there is no new financial activity to report. She has just received the first school forest bill which has been budgeted for. She shared that Kwik Trip will remain with the Governance Board. Dawn spoke about transparency in the budget which is now available to all board members as a google doc. Discussed safety patrol trips and students from the past that were approved to go but couldn't attend due to COVID restrictions. Discussed that funding is still available for these students. If these students are unable to participate the money allotted for the trip will stay in the governance board account.

9.4 Principal's Report - including MGCS Financials, WI Charter School Grant Updates, Student Achievement, etc. (time allocation: 15 minutes)

Robin shared the following:

- **The first school forest trip has taken place and parents have been able to join again this year.**
- **Staff goal-setting/evaluation process. She explained that she will have six mini-observations a year in each classroom to provide feedback and professional development to staff. She shared that these evaluations are growth-minded.**
- **Field adventures continue to provide many cool projects. For example; the 1st grade used recycled materials to build birdhouses. Maple trees are also marked for the year.**
- **Fastbridge testing is done – results to come.**
- **Discovered that the school qualifies for targeted title money. This will be used to help fund the current intervention position.**
- **Parent-teacher conferences are this month.**
- **Fall family night coming up later this month.**
- **GaGa pit has been a hit. Taught the game with a focus on integrity and respect.**
- **Chili Supper Nov -17**
- **Tractor was purchased for $21,596.46. Will possibly be delivered later this week.**
- **Chickens - all grades have a part in helping to take care of the chickens. The school also gained a very helpful parent volunteer who is working with the chickens each morning.**
- **Curtain has a rip - patches to cover. Discussed looking into whether there might be another community building that may have a curtain in better condition that we may be able to obtain.**
- **A mural is being worked on in the school. Students and staff are excited about this project.**
- **Discussed paying for summer teacher days as a stipend vs. out of the FICA/Retirement - Robin is checking on this**
- **Future purchases may include storage shelving, a screen and projector for movies/presentations,**
- **Meeting with a local business regarding maple syrup production/tubing and possible partnership for the development of our maple syrup production.**

9.5 School Board meeting updates (5 minutes)

Robin shared that they reviewed the financial report and that the meeting was mostly based on the referendum. The next school board meeting is on 10/24

9.6 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (time allocation: 5 minutes)

Earlier in the meeting, the Maple Grove Foundation provided $500 to help the district purchase signs. Peter Wade shared his plans to attend the Hamburg Townhall meeting tomorrow. He voiced a desire to further assist

with marketing the school and advancing learning. Peter also encouraged everyone to share about the school on Facebook as a way to get information about Maple Grove Charter School in the community.

10. Adjournment – **Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rebecca seconded at 7:43 PM.**