Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, May 8, 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 6:03 PM

0. Pledge of Allegiance

0. Roll Call - Shaina Franzen, Jasmin Skerven, Kelly Hirn, Dawn Nonn, Rebecca Primm- absent, Kelly Soczka-Steidinger, and Cindy Artus (non-voting)

0. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.

5. Approval of minutes from the April 2023 Board Meeting**. Kelly Soczka-Steidinger approved and Dawn Nonn seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

0. 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 comment

0. 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.
Dawn Nonn recognized the Maple Grove Charter School Teachers on all the activities that they are doing as the year ends. Robin Hanson thanked the PTO for teachers' appreciation week treats.

0. New Business:
    1. Approving Angie's resignation from the board effective 4/23/23 (5 minutes)
    Dawn Nonn made a motion to approve Angie Servi's resignation from the board effective on 4/23/2023. Kelly Soczka-Steidinger seconded and this motion carried unanimously.
    2. Approval of applicants to MGCS

Predicted to have 100 students for the 2023-2024 school year. Reviewed quantity of applicants for the upcoming school year. Dawn Nonn motioned to approve all applicants. Shania Franzen seconded and this motion carried unanimously.

3. Staff approval updates

Robin Hanson shared the following on staff updates:

Ms. Zondlo is leaving her position as she is relocating. Mr. Czech from Athens Middle School will join Maple Grove Charter School and has already been coming in to meet kids and observe the classroom.

Mrs. Matz is retiring and the band teacher from the Athens middle school/high school will join Maple Grove Charter School for the upcoming year.

Stephanie Kohli will be pursuing art opportunities outside of Maple Grove Charter School but is open to being a consultant as needed for the upcoming school year. Melissa David will join Maple Grove Charter School as she is currently the Athens District Art Teacher.

Jess Bunkelman the agriculture teacher from the Athens high school will be worked into the specialist schedule 1-2x a month, especially for 3rd,4th, and 5th-grade classrooms.

Andrea Sheridan shared that it works well for the district to share staff and has allowed the district to maintain full-time employees.

4. Planning for 2023-2024 Members/Officers

Discussed that may have to wait until July for officer discussion.

5. Adding a PTO report to Ongoing Business

Discussed adding PTO as a regular item on the agenda for future meetings.
Robin Hanson reported for the PTO indicating that they are able to open a bank account but that the PTO is not tax-exempt yet. The PTO will not be meeting again until August 1st. Robin shared that the PTO is researching nature-scaped playgrounds and has set up a subcommittee to establish a budget and options. Ideas include an outside classroom, a stump circle with a whiteboard, and mud kitchen, and hammocks. Robin also shared that the PTO plans to put all events and fundraisers on a calendar at the start of the year to encourage help.

0. Ongoing Business:
    1. 2023 WRCCS Conference - Tuesday, July 25, virtual (5 minutes)
    Kelly Hirn is attending. Dawn Nonn suggested a board retreat for ongoing board development. Dawn to further coordinate and plan with CESA 9.
    2. Expectations of members
        1. Additional resource: School District Board Policies

    Discussed no changes needed.
    3. Friends of Maple Grove, Inc. Finances (10 minutes)
    Dawn Nonn is keeping finances up to date and available to the PTO. Finances continue to look good in all departments. Dawn reported that the Maple Syrup fund coming in and that the Pancake Breakfast had a good turnout, with a good income made.

4. Principal's Report - including 2023-2024 Enrollment and Applications, MGCS Financials, WI Charter School Grant Financials and Updates, Student Achievement. (time allocation: 20 minutes)

Robin Hanson shared that Fastbridge testing will come to the board in June. She shard that there are a lot of field trips currently. Discussed an outdoor water spicket for summer watering, the grant could possibly fund if governance board felt it was necessary. Discussed figuring out ongoing cost and sustainability. Robin to follow up. Robin gave a shout-out to Becky as a thank you for working with the chickens. She also gave a shout-out to HayMeadow Farms, and the Kohnhorst for their help this school year. Additionally, Robin updated on the status of the projector screen and indicated that this is still in the works.

5. Superintendent's Report (10 minutes)

Andrea Sheridan shared that due to snow days the last day of school will be 5/26/2023 and that 5 minutes were added to the end of each school day to make up time. Andrea referenced the staffing changes that Robin shared earlier in the meeting and indicated that the goal of the district was to maintain and utilize staff already employed. Andrea voiced appreciation for Robin Hanson's advocacy in maintaining staff.

6. School Board meeting updates

Andrea Sheridan shared that the district of Athens has decided not to offer summer school this year.

7. Maple Grove Foundation Updates (time allocation: 5 minutes)

Peter Wade congratulated the board and school on reaching 100 students. He voiced appreciation for the district's creativity in maintaining staff. Peter inquired if the board or district had considered national registration of this site as a historic landmark. He further suggested that the district look into this. Peter shared that the foundation is trying to build funds and make sure they grow to continue supporting Maple Grove Charter School.

1. Adjournment

Kelly Soczka-Steidinger made a motion to adjourn and Dawn Nonn seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.