

Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026 TIME: 5:30 pm

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Mission: Maple Grove Charter School seeks to develop the whole child through the provision of exploratory experiences where students 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 **5:32 pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call -Micheal Fasse - **present**, Karen Paul - **present**, Kelly Hirn - **present**, Ashley Lange - **present**, Rebecca Primm - **present**, Jeff Artus - **present** and Karen Gauerke - **present**
4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.
5. Approval of minutes from the [December 2025 Board Meeting](#) motion by Mike, second by Jeff, passes **unanimously** and [December 2025 Record Review](#) write up motion by Karen G, second by Mike, passes **unanimously**
6. Acknowledge Public Participation – Community members can address the Governance Board if they wish to. Public comments will be noted and addressed by the Board as the agenda states. Any public comments not relating to agenda items will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. **None**
7. Recognition - Governance Board, Principal and/or Superintendent may recognize community members, teachers, parents, etc. who have supported Maple Grove Charter School in the past month. **Principal Hanson recognized the Maple Grove Foundation for a successful new holiday tradition of the movie experience. She thanked Cindy Artus for the Mrs. Claus story and cookie activity, and the Artus family for the Polar Express movie with 5th grade and kindergarten. Kelly gave a shoutout to the Triebolds and all staff members for successful holiday concerts, especially dealing with the unpredictable inclement weather.**
8. New Business:
 - 8.1 Contract Update (5 minutes) **Kelly shared with the board that she has the updated contract out for review with Tim and he will let us know if he identifies any missing pieces. Kelly will send this out to the board for review and comment once it is done with Tim.**
 - 8.2 [Marketing Committee Update](#) (10 minutes) **Rebecca updated the board on the first marketing committee meeting. The committee established timelines and decided to keep their work low-key for now, as we don't want to market for space we don't have with current enrollment. Rebecca showed examples of marketing materials she made in Canva that can be used as flyers with links/QR codes to Facebook pages and the website. Karen G. recommended flyers at the pancake breakfast. Board gave Rebecca a suggestion on which of the examples they liked and she will continue finalizing the design.**
 - 8.3 Whole Child Learning Plan
 - 8.3.1 Open Enrollment (5 minutes) **Enrollment application period opens Feb. 2 and goes until April 30th. This process is for new families only, current MGCS families do not need to go through the application process.**

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 [Principal's Report](#) (5 minutes) Robin recapped all of the holiday festivities again. A link was sent out for a spreadsheet containing numbers for last month's foxtails, separated by CRISP trait category. Looking into also separating by class for future reporting. This was requested by the Operations Committee who will be using the data to set engagement baselines. Mid-year testing is wrapping up, and staff will spend a day going over data at the end of the month. Robin updated on Fox Dens and how confusion about table spots during the lunches was resolved by creating signs. Kelly reiterated that Fox Dens create a sense of connection between different grades and ages, and she has witnessed MGCS kids hanging out in all-ages groups outside of school. These relationships are a testament to Fox Dens. MGCS has become the first school to achieve "sugar maple" status as part of the DPI and DNR Green and Healthy Schools program. We achieved all 12 core badges to reach this status - a huge thank you to Sandy Benton for facilitating this. There will be a recognition in April. Mrs. Garvin received an aquaponics grant for \$500 from Ag in WI. The funds will be used for a class trip to tour a fish hatchery, and equipment to grow plants on top of trout tank.

9.1.1 [The school budget](#) is linked already in principal's report and Kelly suggested removing it as its own item on future agendas - no concerns, will just be part of principal's report.

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 Update on feasibility studies The School Board chose Performance Services Inc. to perform the study. Will update next month after meeting with them.

9.2.2 Review and vote on district policies to adopt or adapt as needed for MGCS. MGCS governance board is required to vote annually on whether to adopt or adapt District Board policy. Twice a year the district leadership team updates district policies that the board votes on. Examples include school nutrition, DPI audit policies, etc. We will move this item to next month so we can discuss it after January district board meeting. Access to policies and guidelines can be seen in board meeting agendas.

9.2.3 [School budget](#)

9.3 [FOMG Budget](#) (5 minutes) Reported by Karen P. No change and no activity in December, but we will be seeing some expenditures once the sap season gets close. Should be nothing major unless the pump goes out. Motion to approve budget by Mike, second by Rebecca, passes unanimously.

9.4 PTO Updates (5 minutes) Christmas gifts went over really well, kids really liked the gifts. Pizza fry fundraiser due 1/15. PTO Movie night had a great turnout. Kids and families watched Rio, ate pizza and popcorn. Open house options but no date yet. Pancake breakfast is set for April 26. Robin asked PTO for more playground funding. After meeting with the playground company, the school wants to purchase additional "loose items" that can be used with the stationary playground (one example given was purchasing burlap to build forts with discarded Christmas trees). The meeting also discussed ways to incorporate the playground into teaching opportunities, and how the playground is meant to facilitate risk-based play and encourage kids to perform their own risk assessments. Rebecca suggested having something written up to capture this philosophy for marketing. Robin also mentioned how the school newsletter is identifying ways to engage families in learning. Recent issue talked about gas emissions and encouraging families to turn their cars off while waiting in the pickup line. 10 minutes of idling = 1 gallon of gas wasted.

9.5 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) Cindy Artus gave big kudos to the students for their behavior during the holiday movie experience. They were kind, respectful and cleaned up after themselves. We won't know about our Capitol holiday tree ornaments until April.

10. Adjournment - motion by Mike, second by Rebecca, passes unanimously. Adjournment at 6:20 pm.