Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, September 12, 2022 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.

Call to Order: **6:04 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call - **Jasmin Skerven, Kelly Hirn, Dawn Nonn, Angie Servi, Cindy Artus, and Rebecca Primm joined later at 6:09 PM.**
   Absent: Shaina Franzen

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

4. Approval of minutes from the August 2022 Board Meeting.
   Motion to approve minutes from August 2022 Board Meeting made by Dawn Nonn, and seconded by Kelly Hirn. The motion carried unanimously.

5. 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 public comment was made.

6. 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 was commended for getting the school year off to a smooth start and for reaching 90 enrolled students at Maple Grove Charter School.

7. New Business:
   7.1 DPI grant rule on Governance Boards and Posting for New Member (10 minutes)
   Discussed that during a recent orientation call with DPI it was discovered that district employees cannot be a voting member on the board. Cindy Artus shared that she will remain on the board but will not be a voting member for this reason. Angie Servi proposed posting for a new member. Robin Hanson relayed that this was recommended by Sarah H. as well. Discussed that there would need to be an additional voting member.

Motion made by Jasmin Skerven to post and advertise to fill a voting member position on the board. Dawn Nonn seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Angie Servi will follow up on details regarding the posting.

7.2 Board member survey results and development discussion (10 minutes)

Reviewed survey results. One area to discuss is the recruitment of new board members. Organize google drive, board communication was borderline and had mixed results. Discussed the need to develop committees and improve feedback for school leadership. Discussion on strategic planning for the governance board and what the district's plan is. Dawn Nonn suggested creating a list of deadlines according to the contract. Kelly Hirn discussed wanting to work on identifying how our goals as a board fit together with the overall strategic plan. Angie to look into training opportunities for the board.

7.3 Strengthening Communication (10 minutes)

Reviewed google drive access and upcoming meeting document that is on google drive. Angie Servi will also send the agenda to each board member via email. Discussed that Maple Grove's Website is under development. In the future, the agenda and minutes will be added in the website.

7.4 Monthly meeting date/time (5 minutes)

No change in meeting time/date.

8. Ongoing Business:

8.1 WI Charter School Grant Updates (10 minutes)

Discussed learning that budget amendments can be done at any time to DPI.
We cannot get promotional items with the grant. We can purchase marketing items, for example– banners, and signs.

8.2 Principal's Report - includes MGCS Financials, WI Charter School Grant Updates,

New admin assistant has started.
Remain in the process of hiring paraprofessional
Enrollment is at 90 learners
Field adventure learning – reviewed 5th-grade learning experience last week involving education in outdoor survival as they discovered ways to collect drinking water.
EL coaching is going well. Students and teachers are enjoying it.
Students and teachers have set specific reading goals together.
Intervention started right away this year based on last year's goals.
Looking for a bee keeper so we can have a hive on our property during the warm months.
Fired up to read is coming back this year.
The Veterans Day Assembly will be Nov 10 and the Chili Supper Nov 17th – staff sponsored.
The school's well needed work at the start of the year– Athens School District funded repairs.
Three new toilets were installed to resolve flushing issues.
The LED sign up front is not working – may need to purchase a new one if it can not be fixed.
Robin shared some recent expenses, including staff summer work days which totaled seven days =$7,350 in cost, EL Workbooks and decodables =$3,890, and CESA 9 Coaching = $40,260.
Robin shared some plans for future purchases including a sap tank for around $2,500 and solar-powered sap lines/hookups -under $1000.

Robin Hanson shared that the lawn mower broke and requested the purchase of a small utility tractor for mowing, snow removal, and helping with maple syrup production -- $25,000 – quote. Discussed that this would require board approval.

Kelly Hirn motioned to approve up to $25,000 from the grant for the purchase of a lawn tractor. Rebecca seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hallway carpets – Robin shared that she would like to update two hallway carpets. One regular and one with the school's logo. This would improve the appearance and performance of the carpet in the entryway.

8.3 Student Achievement, etc. (time allocation: 15 minutes)

FastBridge screening started today. Results to come.

8.4 Superintendent's Report (time allocation: 5 minutes)

Andrea Sheridan shared that the Athens School Board approved two resolutions, one related to operation capital, and one debt related. She recommends additional time in the October meeting for a school board member, herself, and Robin to share more information. Andrea shared that she is working to answer questions that the community has regarding Maple Grove Charter School and the district.

8.5 School Board meeting updates (5 minutes)

Angie Servi gave an update on the strategic planning process that is ongoing. Discussed the sign-up sheet to attend monthly school board meetings.

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

Peter Wade shared that the foundation is working on creating some plans/ideas on how they can support Maple Grove Charter School and its leadership.
He commended Andrea Sheridan for her thoughtful work in communicating with the public about the referendum and her positive approach to answering questions regarding Maple Grove. Peter expressed that the foundation would like to help if needed and he expressed a desire to set up a meeting to work together in one direction.

9. Adjournment

Rebecca Primm made a motion to adjourn and Dawn Nonn seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.