

Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, May 11th, 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 at 5:30 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 [April 2026 Meeting Minutes](#) motion by Rebecca, Mike second, passes **unanimously** and [Record Review April 2026](#) write up motion by Karen G, Mike second, passes **unanimously**.
6. Acknowledge Public Participation – Community members can address the Board if they wish. Public comments are noted and addressed by the Board per the agenda. Any public comments not relating to agenda items will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. **Cindy Artus recognized MGCS Paraprofessional Kristen Natzke for doing an excellent job teaching her UFLI group, said that the school is very fortunate to have her.**
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. **Robin recognized how much the MGCS community came together to show recognition to teachers and staff during teacher appreciation week. The PTO, families, community and district came together to provide so many gifts, food and surprises for our amazing teachers. Ashley gave recognition to US Navy Senior Chief Gabe Miller and the Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB-1) ALFA Company. They were in charge of recovery and retrieval of the Artemis II spacecraft and Chief Miller shared a lot of behind the scenes photos, videos and other special gifts from his team, with the 5th grade class. Fun connection: Chief Miller’s mom is a MGCS alum!**
8. New Business:
 - 8.1 Contract and Bylaws Review
 - 8.1.1 [Contract](#) Update (10 minutes) **The attorney who developed the contract template for WRCCS reviewed our contract and provided feedback and advice to strengthen several sections, slightly change some wording to be more legally binding, and beefed up sections to match statutes better. She also suggested adding back in pieces that we took out. There was discussion about the section that discusses admissions and giving preference to district students. We had originally removed this, and the attorney recommended adding it back in. There were concerns voiced from the Board about how the contract wording addresses open enrollment and preference for district students, and that it takes away from the intent and history of the school as a “neighborhood school.” Andrea acknowledged this concern and shared a conversation she had with the attorneys that the suggested wording best supports our open enrollment process, but still allows for us to write our own procedures that give us more control over the process and timelines. In addition to the enrollment edits, there was also some SPED language added to several sections, and the sale of property sections was added back. The recommendation was to move forward with the contract as red lined so it can go to the full Board for approval, then we**

update our admission and lottery procedure to be more detailed. This procedure will then go to attorneys for alignment. Motion by Mike, second by Ashley, passes unanimously.

8.1.2 [Bylaws](#) (15 minutes) Ashley presented her review and findings/questions, and Board members and Andrea addressed these. In Sections 3 and 4 we decided to update the marketing piece to be more open to methods of recruiting board members. Also will add more specific language about new member orientation. Additionally we will add language to clarify the 2 year term limit and reapplication process. Motion by Rebecca to accept changes, second by Jeff, passed unanimously. Section 5 (Officers) assigned to Kelly for June meeting.

8.1.2.1 [Draft Version](#)

8.2 Whole Child Learning Plan

8.2.1 Connections between Labs and EL Robin gave a really informative presentation on how our outdoor labs connect to our EL curriculum for each grade level. For labs that don't immediately connect with the literacy curriculum, she explained ways that teachers have modified them. Labs play a huge role in supporting the curriculum. Monday - Thursday the younger grades have a daily 30 minute lab, 45 minutes for the older grades. Fridays they have a 60 minute/90 minute fully outdoor lab. Some topics include birds/chickens, pollinators, greenhouse, syrup, homesteading, trout, survival, bees.

8.2.2 Grant Opportunity There is a grant opportunity through Ag Country due June 30th, will be sent to Finance Committee. There is a district policy on grant funding that the Board was encouraged to review.

8.3 Marketing

8.3.1 [Board positions](#) (5 minutes) Deadline for applying is now closed. We will look at and vote in June between Karen G and 2 others who applied. Motion by Jeff, second by Rebecca, passed unanimously.

8.4 Board Education

8.4.1 [Charter School Summit](#) June 15 and 16 (10 min) Kelly will attend this conference in Oshkosh and Ashley showed interest in attending as well. Asked Board to fund the conference admission and lodging. Motion by Rebecca, second by Karen G. Ashley and Kelly abstain, passed unanimously.

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 [Principal's Report](#) (5 minutes) Robin shared about the success of the Bioblitz. We had Ms. Sandy back for it, and board member Mike was an expert worm collector. The kids were great and have a love for learning. Shoutout to Mr. L and Beth for providing lunch to all of the experts. She shared a thank you with the Foundation for approving funding to replace the floor in the main office. End of year tally of fox tails shows that Craftsmanship was the lowest trait, so classroom teachers will focus next year on a higher standard for this to see if we can increase numbers.

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 Update on feasibility studies Andrea shared that first phase is done and the data will be sent out in a community survey. Staff will get their survey first and it will be sent to residents later in the month. The feedback will be provided to the district Board, and a formal report will come out at the June meeting. This will be used for any potential referendum in November.

9.2.2 Review and vote on district policies to adopt or adapt as needed for MGCS. Kelly recommended moving this to the June meeting. Motion by Mike, second by Jeff, passes unanimously.

9.2.3 [School budget](#) Andrea presented. On track. Fiscal year ends June 30th.

9.3 [FOMG Budget](#) (5 minutes) Karen P. reported on the budget and reconciliation. Motion to approve by Mike, second by Karen G, passed unanimously. Ashley asked if she could have funding to purchase

stamps for thank you cards and also for additional stock of cards. Motion by Mike to approve these funds, second by Rebecca, passed unanimously. Robin will acquire cards, Karen P. will buy the stamps.

9.4 PTO Updates (5 minutes) Pancake breakfast was a success. Approximate numbers for fundraising were \$2600 from the raffle, \$3100 from day-of tickets, \$1500 from advance tickets. PTO covered the cost of mushroom sign and sandbox.

9.5 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) Cindy mentioned the funding they will be providing for the office floor. Last popcorn Friday of the year will be 5/22.

10. Adjournment at 7:42 pm motion by Rebecca, second by Mike, passed unanimously.