Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026 TIME: 5:30 pm

**Maple Grove Charter School**

**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 January 2026 Board Meeting **motion by Rebecca, seconded by Jeff, passes unanimously** and January 2026 Record Review write up **motion by Karen G, seconded 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. **None**

8. New Business:

8.1 Contract and Bylaws Review

8.1.1 Contract Update (15 minutes) **After review it was brought to Kelly's attention that Section 18 of our contract was outdated and incomplete. Kelly and Andrea determined that Section 8 in the WRCCS model contract was taken directly from state statute and contains the main pieces we were recommended to add to ours (emergency termination in the event of student health or safety risk, and emergency termination in the event of financial peril). The two options presented to the board were to rewrite Section 18 to include those paragraphs, or to scrap Section 18 and replace it completely with the model Section 8. After discussion it was decided that the model Section 8 ties everything together well and we want to adopt it into our contract in its entirety. Motion by Mike to replace our Section 18 with their Section 8, seconded by Ashley, passes unanimously. Kelly will make the changes and send them to DPI for review first and then to the district attorney. She anticipates we should have DPI feedback by the March meeting. Kelly congratulated the board on getting the contract done on time.**

8.1.1.1 Model contract

8.1.2 Begin review of Bylaws (5 minutes) **Rebecca volunteered to review Articles 1 and 2 of the Bylaws and report back at the March meeting.**

8.2 Financial Committee Update (5 minutes) **They met on 1/29/26 at 2 pm. Present were Karen P, Mike and Beth Steinke. Karen P reported that the main focus of the meeting was to review the committee work plan and objectives, identify fundraising needs within the district, and setting a budget for Governance Board**

**expenditure needs. There was a discussion about sources of funds for different needs (grants, fundraising, PTO donations, the Foundation, and consumables covered by the district in the budget). Kelly reminded the board that we have access to the list of staff needs/wants and sent the link again via e-mail. We determined that a budget of $1000 for the Governance Board would be adequate, and it could potentially come from the PTO which would avoid the need to step on the Foundation's toes with fundraising. We also discussed that the Financial Committee should focus on the Board financials, identifying Board-specific financial needs (ex. Further education), and setting a budget. The committee will avoid fundraising and instead allow other avenues to continue to fund school and staff requests. If further needs arise, we can talk about fundraising, but will go through and work with the Foundation. Action items include Karen P. asking the PTO for a stipend in the form of a one-time donation to the Board. Robin will look into WRCCS hours that can be used for further education and training for board members.**

8.3 Whole Child Learning Plan

8.3.1 Open Applications (5 minutes) **14 applicants in the first week. Most indicated they were referred by word of mouth or social media.**

8.3.2 Open House Schedule (10 minutes) **Open House scheduled for 3/12/26 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Since the open house is usually attended mostly by kindergarten families, this year the school is trying a new plan with 2 scheduled sessions in the kindergarten room (at 4:45 and 5:45) that will include a presentation and Q&A session. During this time the kids will do activities with the PTO and potentially with older kids as helpers to promote our fox den model. There will also be open classrooms with teachers and activities, PTO prizes, food and a campfire.**

**8.3.3** Midyear Screening Scores (15 minutes) **Screeners were completed the first and second weeks of January. Robin presented on the NPR (comparison/rank) scoring vs. GP (growth percentile) which measures student growth over time. Maple Grove is including and focusing on GP scores at each grade level which allows for intervention, and ability to adjust programs to meet student needs. These scores have higher rigor than standardized programs and our goal is for 100% of students to meet their growth goal. For the winter growth goals, 66 of 130 students met their goal in fluency and literacy, and 55 for math. Robin gave big recognition to staff for their proactive dedication to addressing these growth scores. They participate in individual meetings to go over their scores, have weekly 1:1 meetings with each other to discuss math specifically, and a monthly CREW meeting.**

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 Principal's Report (5 minutes) **Robin let the board know that a representative of the WI Charter School Resource Center spent 2 hours touring the school and then we were featured in a social media highlight.**

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 Update on feasibility studies **At the data collection phase, including blueprint analysis and facility tours. Will use data to build a community survey to be distributed in the spring. The study is meeting all timelines.**

9.2.2 Review and vote on district policies to adopt or adapt as needed for MGCS. **As discussed last month we are required to look at district policies and vote to adopt or adapt them on an annual basis. The Board of Education reviews and revises policies twice annually. MGCS will use the March meeting to vote. Kelly and Andrea stressed the importance of the Board understanding district policy and being diligent about reviewing updates. Andrea walked the Board through how to navigate to current policies on the district website as well as where to find the revisions up for approval. The board is tasked with reviewing all of these before the March meeting.**

9.2.3 School budget **Currently at 45% overall allocation at halfway through the year. No concerns.**

9.3 FOMG Budget (5 minutes) **Karen P. reported no January activity. Motion to approve budget by Mike, seconded by Jeff, passes unanimously.**

9.4 PTO Updates (5 minutes) **Rebecca talked about PTO involvement in the upcoming Open House. Update on pizza fry sale - $4747 profit. Pancake breakfast is scheduled for 4/26/26 and the PTO is looking for donations of gift baskets for the raffle.**

9.5 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) **New website is up and running at maplegrovefoundation.org and it looks great! It also has a Paypal link to make direct donations. Reminder that the Foundation is the fundraising arm of the school and to send any wants/needs through them. Andrea asked to make sure that all requests go through Robin so she is kept in the loop. Foundation meetings are typically held the Tuesday after the Governance Board meeting, all are welcome to attend.**

**10. Adjournment at 7:20 pm. Motion by Mike, seconded by Rebecca, passes unanimously.**