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

Google Meet joining info

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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 5:35 pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call -**Micheal Fasse - present, Karen Paul - present, Kelly Hirn - present, Ashley Lange - present (virtual), Rebecca Primm - absent, Jeff Artus - present and Karen Gauerke - present (virtual)**
4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.
5. Approval of minutes from the February 2026 Board Meeting **(Motion by Mike, second by Jeff - pass unanimously)** and February 2026 Record Review **(Motion by Mike, second by Karen G. - pass unanimously) write up.**
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. - **Cindy and Jeff Artus presented to the Berlin-Hamburg Lions Club of which they are members, asking for a donation of $1000 to MGCS to fund classroom essentials like kleenex, pencils, first aid supplies, etc. This amount would provide each classroom, including art, music, gym and special education with $100. The request was approved by the Berlin-Hamburg Lions in February and a check for $1000 was presented to Principal Hanson at today's meeting. Cindy will pass along information to Ashley to send out a thank you card to the Lions.**
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 talked about the success of Read Across America, including each individual student being able to choose a book to keep. Award ceremony for Wisconsin Stewardship and Sustainability Award that MGCS is receiving will be April 11 in Milwaukee.**
8. New Business:
    - 8.1 Contract and Bylaws Review
        - 8.1.1 Contract Update (5 minutes) **sent to Andrea and Attorney; still on pace.**
        - 8.1.2 Bylaws (15 minutes) **Rebecca not in person but sent notes to Kelly to read about Articles 1 and 2. Her notes pointed out a general observation that the verbiage between our bylaws, contract, marketing materials, etc don't match what we have on the MGCS website under**

the "About" section. Agreed to use what is in the draft contract Section 4 Subpart B for that specific wording. Notes recommend no change to Article 1. Motion to accept Article 1 as-is by Mike, second by Jeff second - pass unanimously. Rebecca's notes recommend in Article 2 we change "this" corporation to "the" corporation for consistency in language with the contract. Since the contract is the most stable document, board agrees to match to that document. Motion to amend Bylaws Article 2 to match wording in the Contract made by Mike, second by Jeff - pass unanimously. Kelly will update. Article 3 and Article 4 of Bylaws assigned to Ashley for the April meeting.

8.1.2.1 Draft Version

8.2 Whole Child Learning Plan

8.2.1 Open Applications (5 minutes) - **23 applications have come in so far. We put out more advertising and also released the shorter version of the marketing video on Facebook. The longer version is posted on the website. The open house is coming up this Thursday.**

8.3 Marketing

8.3.1 Enrollment update (5 minutes) **We feel we are doing well with our advertising and word of mouth.**

8.3.2 Open House (5 minutes) **Planning and preparations are going well.**

8.3.3 Board positions (10 minutes) **At the end of the year (June 30th) there will be an opening on the Board, as Rebecca has served 2 consecutive terms. Per the bylaws, after 2 terms she must be off the board. Karen G. is at the end of her 1st term, so her spot will also become open. If she wants to run for another term, she will give us notice and we will vote on it. Karen G. indicates that she wishes to reapply and continue for another term. She will share her resume and letter of intent to continue at the June meeting. Kelly reminded the board that part of the Marketing Committee's responsibilities is to recruit new board members as well, so we can work on advertising to fill Rebecca's spot. One suggestion is to have a flyer or sign at the pancake breakfast, Kelly will also attend the next PTO meeting to recruit from those members.**

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 Principal's Report (5 minutes) **Sap season is upon us! There were 15-20 volunteers to help students tap their trees, most bags are half full already and students have started collecting sap. The pipeline has already been tapped and collected a handful of times. Robin went through the Principal's Report. Some highlights were a successful Read Across America week with many volunteers coming in to read to the students, including Cindy Artus who was at school reading the whole day. A nighttime custodian has been hired which is great news. He is a high school student working through the Youth Apprenticeship program. Pennies for Puppies fundraiser sponsored by Ms. Riehle and the student council raised $950 for Wags of Wisconsin. 5th grade class and Mrs. Zarins raised $300 to purchase a plot of land in the rainforest through their Valentine's Day sucker sales. A huge update is that Greenheck and Vyron are donating a fan for the MGCS gymnasium (valued at $10k) to be installed by district.**

9.2 Superintendent's Report (5 minutes)

9.2.1 Update on feasibility studies - **MGCS was complimented for retaining a lot of original character**

9.2.2 Review and vote on district policies to adopt or adapt as needed for MGCS. **Discussion on the policies that were assigned reading, and whether there would be any reason not to adopt them for MGCS. Board members in agreement that policies are applicable as written and should be adopted. Kelly pointed out that the policy on board member behavior and standards will apply especially in the next section of the Bylaws and we should compare and contrast these two documents. Ashley mentioned that there are some district policies that could be required reading during onboarding of MGCS Governance Board members (especially the policy on board member behavior and standards). Since Ashley is assigned the next section of Bylaws review, she**

will take these ideas into account. Motion to adopt district policies for MGCS made by Mike, second by Jeff - pass unanimously.

9.2.3 School budget - **The district is on a 6-year cycle of budget for purchasing curriculum. This budgeting item is healthy and on track. The Athens Middle School recently purchased the same language arts curriculum that MGCS uses, so this will be a great transition for 5th grade students moving onto AMS.**

9.3 FOMG Budget (5 minutes) - **Same balance as last meeting, no updates. FOMG asked the PTO about the stipend donation, Annette said they will bring this up at their meeting and let us know. She thinks that they will definitely agree to this first donation and it could potentially lead to an annual donation. They would ask us to keep good records and a paper trail so they know how much we are spending each year. Federal tax filings are done, state filing is held up. Motion to approve budget by Mike, second by Ashley - passes unanimously.**

9.4 PTO Updates (5 minutes) **see 9.3 for update on the stipend donation as it relates to the PTO. Upcoming PTO events are the Open House and the Pancake Breakfast. Kelly is going to ask the PTO to create a poster for the breakfast.**

9.5 Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) **Cindy provided updates. Next popcorn Friday will be 3/28/26. Next Foundation meeting will be 4/14/26 at MGCS and all are welcome to attend.**

10. **Adjournment at 6:44 pm. Motion by Mike, second by Karen G. - pass unanimously.**