Maple Grove Charter School
A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter
Governance Board Meeting Agenda
DATE: Monday, September 8 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 **5:33 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
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 August 2025 Board Meeting **Recommend revising the spelling of new 5th grade teacher's last name to Zarins. Spelled incorrectly in August minutes. Update will be made. Motion by Mike, Second by Rebecca. All votes ayes.** and August 2025 Record Review write up **Spelling revision to Zarins. Motion by Rebecca, second by Jeff. All votes ayes.**
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 written or spoken, community members, teachers, parents, etc. who have supported Maple Grove Charter School in the past month. **Robin gave special recognition to the PTO, Governance Board and Foundation for making the open house a success. She also called attention to the ribbon cutting ceremony that took place and was sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and featured on the local news for the new Naturescape playground. Robin reported that Pagels Hogs and HotRods held a raffle and fundraiser over the summer and awarded MGCS PTO a check for $6000 as a donation from the proceeds. She thanked them for their generosity and sense of community.**
8. New Business:
    a. Contract and Bylaws current working Draft Version
        i. Review of Section 11 (15 minutes) **Ashley presented a spreadsheet comparing the current Admission and Lottery Process document to the contract, as well as two sample contracts. Suggested adding "K-5" and "open" enrollment verbiage as it is consistent with other contracts. Andrea confirmed these are already covered in other sections so we don't need to add them here. Suggestion made to change "Secretary" to "Current Member" for the lottery process. Suggestion made to remove children of the charter school founders from the preference list and also change to "current" board member's children. Motion to approve Section 11 with the edits by Mike, second by Karen G. All votes ayes.**
        ii. Sample contracts from WRCCS **Review and editing Section 12 for next month assigned to Kelly.**
    b. Committees:
        i. Previously Proposed **Reviewed list of committees and discussed what roles and responsibilities would be. Discussion of logistics for committees, meeting structure, rules, etc.**

ii. Proposed Based on Retreat Goals **Reviewed list of more recent proposed committees and discussed what roles and responsibilities would be. Overall enthusiasm for the smaller committees and their purpose. No changes made to the document. Will vote in October.**

c. Whole Child Learning Plan
   i. Capacity - 135 currently 146 proposed by District **Enrollment currently at 130**
   ii. Workplan Goals **Robin presented. Continuing to look at individual student growth scores using the 3 Dimensions of Achievement: mastery of knowledge and skills, character, high quality work**

d. Officer Voting
   i. Officer Elections (10 minutes)
      1. Treasurer **President opened the floor to nominations. Karen G nominated Karen P for Treasurer. Second by Jeff. Karen P accepts. No discussion, no additional nominations. Mike motion to close nominations, second by Jeff. Mike motion to vote, second by Karen G. All votes ayes.**

9. Ongoing Business:
   a. Principal's Report (5 minutes) **Board was able to view the new marketing video that will be made public soon on the website. All are in agreement that the video is very well done and highlights the school well. Robin mentioned a shorter edited version will be available for sharing on social media.**
      i. School budget **Discussion on suggestions made by MGCS teaching staff for where they would like to see continued funding via Fund 21 or fundraising opportunities, including:**
         1. **Guest speakers - fly fishing, reptiles, tractor safety and supplies for those events (can come right out of Fund 21)**
         2. **Bringing Sandy in, or other experts, for big events like the bio-blitz**
         3. **Improving the trails (spent some money on it through grant) would like to add signage or even interactive signage**
         4. **Raised beds for the gardens, vegetables and pollinator gardens with the ability to change them out each year/move them to a new area**
         5. **Replenishing environmental materials (spotting scope etc) big ticket items**
         6. **Sand pit - with trucks and maybe even artifacts the students can dig up**
      2. **School commitment: supplemental of the curriculum**
      3. **Our focus: what continues the mission and vision of the school? Some is overlapped**
      ii. Superintendent's Report (5 minutes) **Andrea mentions that the charter is set to expire June 2026**
      iii. School budget
   b. FOMG Budget **Karen P reports no August activity, account is balanced. Motion by Mike, second by Jeff. All votes ayes.**
   c. PTO Updates (5 minutes) **Rebecca discussed the $6000 donation from Pagels, Athens Area Credit Union grant, and upcoming apparel and calendar fundraisers. October is anti-bullying month, so PTO is looking to some some awareness activities. Andrea suggests working with new counselor. Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat date is set for 10/25 from noon - 3.**
   d. Maple Grove Foundation Updates (5 minutes) **FIrst popcorn Friday will be on 9/26. Fundraiser event for Taylor Thurs a MGCS paraprofessional on 10/18 proceeds go to help her battle with cancer. Many ways to donate time, raffle baskets, food or money.**

10. Adjournment **Motion by Mike, second by Rebecca. All votes ayes. Adjourned at 7:17 pm.**