

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

1. Call to Order **6:03 PM**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - **Shaina Franzen, Jasmin Skerven, Kelly Hirn, Dawn Nonn, Rebecca Primm, Angie Servi, Kelly Soczka-Steidinger. Absent: Cindy Artus (non-voting)**
4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted.
5. Approval of minutes from the [November 2022 Board Meeting](#).
Error in formatting noted by Angie Servi. To be corrected and approved at January 2023 Board Meeting.
6. 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.
Comments were made regarding how wonderful the holiday concerts were this year. Good turnout and great performance.
7. 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.
Thanks given to staff for the coordination of two great holiday concerts.
8. New Business:
 - 8.1 Board training and development with Sarah Hackett from WRCCS (30 minutes)
Sarah Hackett attended and presented a PowerPoint to the board that covered the following:
 - **8 Key Board Responsibilities**
 - **Fiduciary Duties**
 - **Review of board financial process**
 - **Committees**

Dawn Nonn spoke about her desire for a financial committee.
Kelly Hirn and Angie Servi spoke about working on projects or tasks outside of larger meetings and bringing ideas/progress back.
Discussion around bringing other members on committees
Discussed that we must have clear guidelines for each committee
Start with brainstorming lists of tasks
Should set deadlines for goals

8.1.1 Committee formation: Finance Committee, Public Relations and Marketing, School Advancement and Grants (10 minutes)

Finance Committee – Dawn Nonn

Public Relations & Marketing– Rebecca Primm, Kelly Hirn

School Advancement and Grants – Kelly Soczka-Steidinger

Plan for January meeting:

Accomplish outcomes/goals for the committees.

Discuss the marketing plan for open enrollment as a full board since committees will not be set up.

Work to set up clear guidelines and procedures for committees to start off well.

9. Ongoing Business:

9.1 [Friends of Maple Grove, Inc. Finances](#) (10 minutes)

Dawn Nonn indicated having some issues with the Kwik Trip login. Kwik Trip has withdrawn \$2500 out, Dawn is working to understand why and get it corrected. Bussing for school forest and school forest costs are coming in. 501C3 of PTO is still in formation.

9.2 [Principal's Report](#) - including MGCS Financials, WI Charter School Grant Updates, Student Achievement, etc. (time allocation: 15 minutes)

Robin Hanson Shared on the following:

Gift of time to teachers so they have a little free time during the holiday season

Artastic Club -designed different pieces of clothing

Crisp Crew Assembly

Jesper the Elf has been hiding – students enjoy this

Herpetology Presentation from UWSP recently-brought snakes, turtles etc.

Student Council 12 days of Christmas dress-up days started

4th and 5th grade – service project book drive for HAVEN

Holiday programs had a great turnout

Surveys completed across the district - Staff - climate, Student- engagement, Parent-satisfaction.

Bell ringing for Salvation Army

Scheduled to start staffing concession stands in Middle and High School

Tank brought in for maple syrup, and sap lines starting to be set up.

The grant budget was approved

9.3 Superintendent's Report (10 minutes)

Andrea Sheridan discussed the fall surveys. Data indicated parents feel the superintendent isn't visible in the community. Andrea shared that she is taking this to heart, and has been able to attend activities such as the chili supper and holiday programs. She is also in all of the primary classrooms throughout the year.

Regarding finances and budget, Andrea Sheridan shared that the Board of Education is gathering information to make an informed decision about going back to the referendum in April. Each school has had separate meetings about budget reductions.

Kelly Hirn asked what would help make the decision to go back to a referendum in April. Andrea Sheridan indicated that their model strongly recommends returning to a referendum.

Discussed trying to find ways to generate income by selling items that we may no longer need, or have extra of. Andrea Sheridan indicated wanting to pursue reduction options that are furthest from affecting students. Kelly Soczka-Steidinger suggested thinking out of the box and thinking about selling extra land and/or logging/trimming it down.

9.4 [School Board meeting updates](#) Link: School District [Budget reduction](#) information (10 minutes)

Angie Servi reviewed the above documents and what she learned from the last school district meeting. Andrea Sheridan relayed that the meeting on December 19th will be conversational and about generating ideas. A resolution would need to be made by 1/24 to be on the ballot in April.

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

Peter Wade spoke to item 9.4 and encouraged the administration and district to support and communicate to the public the advantages of acquiring Maple Grove. He shared his opinion that a non-recurring referendum might have a better chance of passing. He indicated that surrounding school districts are going through budget reductions as well and encouraged the Athens School District to keep something attractive that might encourage out-of-district students to open enroll.

10. Adjournment.

Rebecca Primm made a motion to adjourn. Kelly Hirn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.