

Maple Grove School

A Collaborative Exploratory Learning Charter

Governance Board Regular Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 8, 2019 TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Maple Grove School 290 Hwy F, Hamburg, WI 54411

1. Call to Order 6:35 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Kate Henrichs, Stevie Klockziem, Melissa Schmirler, Misty Voegell, Trina Lutzke,

Dr. Nonn, Dr. Sample, Peter Fromm, Rebecca Primm

4. Written notice of this meeting has been posted and sent to the news media on April 1, 2019

5. Approval of minutes from the [March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting](#)

Stevie motioned to approve minutes; Melissa Seconded; Unanimous pass

6. Acknowledge Public Participation – During the public participation portion of the meeting, district citizens will have three minutes to address the Governance Council if they wish to do so.

Peter Fromm wanted to tell us we were doing a great job.

7. New Business Items

7.1 ACTION ITEM: Attendance Review: Section 3B of the bylaws.

Stephanie- absent for 9 out of the last 10 meetings.

Stevie 4 absences, Melissa 5, Trina 1, Kate 3, Misty 0

Questions about reaching a quorum based on membership numbers.

Kate brought up that if attendance is a consistent issue then that spot should be opened up to someone who would be able to commit to being present at the meetings.

Trina brought up that she thinks it's evident that the desire to be involved is gone since there has not been effort to be involved.

Stephanie has not made an effort to communicate desire for continued involvement.

Kate Henrichs made a motion to relieve Stephanie Yonke of her position on the board due to repeated absences without communication. Stevie seconded. Motion passes Unanimously.

7.2 ACTION ITEM: Approving Thematic and Project Based Learning

Dr. Nonn updated us that the concept behind the Approving Thematic and PBL is appropriate and coincides with the needs of the district as well as the culture shift for the school. Danyelle Eberhardt said that it was a happy medium between what they are doing now and what EL originally was.

Misty Made the motion to pass the Thematic and PBL based learning movement. Kate seconded. Passed Unanimously.

7.2 Office Position Intentions

Misty Announced that she would be stepping down as president coming the next year. Kate said that she would like to continue with Treasurer. Angie Servi is absent but currently is Secretary. Stevie mentioned that she is comfortable of VP but would consider the president position.

8. Ongoing Business:

8.1 Principal Updates - [Principal's Corner](#)

83 students (6 open enrollees)

Notes about finishing up the quarter.

Kindergarten visits coming on May 6.

We are in the middle of an iPad refresh. Students are turning in their current ipads and charging cords/blocks and getting brand new ones. We are working to get through the FORWARD testing before switching devices.

Spring Testing: FORWARD is first. Fourth grade is tested on all academic areas. Everything is completed online. Parents will find out results July.August. District score cards follow in October. MAPS Testing is 2nd week in May. We use that testing as our benchmark for student growth.

Meeting with Dr. Sample: (Thematic and PBL) This looks like we will be on track for our requirements for our curriculum and then being able to switch from our core in the morning to our thematic needs in the afternoon.

Teachers are working with several resources to start planning a timeline for projects in the upcoming school year. Potential to blend learning with specials. There will be a letter that goes home towards the end of the year describing upcoming changes and classroom configurations. Teachers will probably need two weeks to plan each project. We are still working with Peter and the Foundation on what support would look like based on compensation needs outside of teacher contract days in order to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Tshirts for 115th anniversary- Question for FoMG to front the initial buy-in for T-shirts. Profits could go right back into the FoMG budget. High Cost not anticipated as the event will be showcasing history and the property more than any items that cost, but there would be an action item required for next month to be able to approve some of the financial planning and seed money needed for the event. Order at least the preliminary amount of \$250 or less where it doesn't need approval to get started and then more action items can take place as we get closer to the event.

8.2 Community Foundation Update

Peter Fromm Update: Tom Niemann was contacted to provide initial funding to start events in motion for the Foundation. Some requests were a breakdown of what was planned so that the vision can be solidified with the finances. He confirmed that he does continue to partner with the foundation financially for the needs that are presented. He will get a plan from Dr. Nonn that describes the future of MGS including detailed information on the Thematic and PBL style units. Funds coming in currently for training the teachers this summer on the new curriculum. We are really transitioning to a prosperity culture knowing that we have the support behind the vision. The board is encouraged to continue creating vision for the school so that we can create what is needed and identify what resources we need to drive that vision forward.

The Foundation is starting to create a website and a Facebook page to start broadening a social media presence to tap into resources for marketing and our alumni base. Annette went around to childcare and library facilities to pass out brochures to create awareness of the school and its opportunities. Continue to work with open enrollment opportunities. Utilize money during marketing opportunities now. Continue to market the 115th anniversary. What we need to start picturing now is the ability to fully staff the facility and aiding in the professionalism in the teachers we currently have.

Dr. Nonn mentioned that the one increase she would potentially see in the budget next year would be bussing because the transportation to some of these more experiential field trips and activities that will naturally become a part of the Thematic and PBL events.

Discussion of running and add repeatedly during Open Enrollment and then when that date is over transition to advertising to the 115th anniversary. Discussion on which markets to hit. Free Publicity for having a Check being presented to the Foundation that would help introduce the community to not only the thriving and growing community but the present idea that there are solid finances involved. Community resources and events that could be submitted to local papers.

Rebecca Primm mentioned that she could coordinate and offer her photography services for any of the marketing needs.

8.3 FoMG Update

*Family Night (March 15th) Review

It was fast and furious, but it went smoothly.

*Children's Festival Review

Attendance was really low both vendors and attendees. Presence for marketing purposes is good. Possible Wausau Children's festival. Other community events in Wausau to consider for booths? NHS volunteers were a positive addition to help with the kids while parent volunteers could attend to the adults.

Parade Float for summer? Athens parade? Come to the 115th the next weekend.

*Pancake Breakfast Review

We served the most people we ever have had (est. 470) Estimated profits were \$4000; Raffles brought in \$1,959; \$3,788 in ticket sales (\$1700ish in expenses). Lots of positive feedback about having it at Hamburg Town Hall. Last Sunday in March for consistency with community. At our annual meeting take time to organize our google drives so that we know where to find our resources like Stevie's notes for the event. Thank you on the Hamburg community page and positive feedback from the community as well.

*Open House in April??

The resources would likely be better spent on media ads where we could put an emphasis on open enrollment information and how to get a private tour.

Update on School Store: Continued resources being given to the teachers from gift cards donated allowing for in class resources

Update on Scrip cards: Needing to still work on documenting the profit as we always have cards in hand. Possibility of letting them finish out before summer so we can see what the benefits are.

Kate: mentioned a template or a discussion on a system where our check count and our cash count can be validated by both Kate and the bank when sent.

Teacher Appreciation Week: First week in May (discussion at annual meeting for budget for that) : MWTh Meals; Staff Presents; as long as each individual day is under the spending limit.

Cover Teachers Recess 11:-12:00- Wednesday

9. General Comments

10. Adjournment Stevie made a motion to adjourn; Kate seconded 8:06pm

Mission Statement:

Maple Grove School seeks to develop the whole child through the provision of exploratory experiences where students will engage in hands-on approach in project development through cultural connections to our traditions, opportunities and our greater community.

Vision Statement:

Maple Grove School will honor and sustain our proud history and traditions through educational excellence for community students, families and residents.