

Maple River CO-OP Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 3rd, 8 AM
Location: Maple Valley Public School – Library

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM at Maple Valley Public School on June 3rd, 2026.
2. Roll Call – Present were Cindy Hiam, Eric Parkman, Heidi Kingston, Jonah Wolla, Ben Jacobson, Brandon Benth, Nathan Hoots, Dustin Theurer, George Richman, Dan Larson, Cassandra Preston.
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Review Spring Sports Season – Baseball – 30 athletes (7-12) - 4-6 from Cooperstown, had a good experience playing in the region tournament. Softball - 21 athletes and played great during the region play-in game. Track – 9 state qualifiers and 3 placed in state. Boys Golf – 5 of 11 were seniors. Looking to have 6-9 athlete's next spring.
5. Discussion items for the upcoming 2026/2027 Season
 - a. Equipment/facilities Upgrades
 - i. Batting Cage - Hope-Page is looking for community help through donations to fund the batting cage setup. The potential location of the new setup would be in the Page school gym to eliminate shared practice space in Hope. Discussion was held on transportation and overlapping sports. Looking forward to this and have it installed before December.
 - ii. Hitting Nets – Discussion is held on if more nets are needed. This discussion will be held with AD's and coaches after more information is given on the batting cage installment.
 - b. Fall sports outlook - Volleyball numbers are strong, Football (15 potential athletes for high school), Cross Country (15 potential athletes), Girls Golf (1 athlete showing interest in two years) - discussion was held on what options are available if athletes are interested but we don't have a program.
 - c. Social Media & Communication
 - i. Discussion was held and moving forward by creating a MRR Facebook page to share all Co-op events.
 - ii. Discussion was held on switching communication apps for sports. We currently use Remind but are looking at other options that will benefit all organizations better.
 - iii. Fundraising through Your Live Event (Plan for 2026/2027) - Discussion was held on creating shorts clips of athletes to post on Your Live Event during game days.
 - d. Schedules - Practice Times and Locations – Discussion was held on having common time at the end of the day for both districts. Maple Valley will revisit their schedule to see if it can be worked out.
 - e. Student Engagement Plan – Discussion was held on having fall sports teams hold a brief day camp, practice, or clinic for younger athletes to boost engagement. AD's will reach out to head coaches to see how this will work in their schedules.
 - f. Staffing - The following positions are open for the 2026-2027 season: JH Football, JH Volleyball, JH GBB, JH BBB, Head Boys Basketball, Assist. Boys Basketball, Speech, Head Baseball, Asst. Track. The process for “onboarding and evaluation of coaches” was discussed. A request was made to make it more formal and use our evaluation process at the end of the season. An onboarding process is being discussed and how it will be presented to new coaches. Plans for game day field prep are also being discussed for spring sports.
 - g. Summer Programs – Discussion was held on compensation for running summer programs. A per diem of \$50/event up to \$500 max for 10 events for any coach running programs over summer. Both districts agree to move forward with it and see where it goes. Payments will be tracked on a shared document and paid out of respected districts and added to CO-OP summer expenses.
6. AD/Admin updates - Discussion was held on an amendment to the CO-OP agreement for practice location if the Page batting cage goes forward.
7. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM. The next meeting will be November 3 at 8:00 AM in Hope.

