



METROLINA REGIONAL
**SCHOLARS
ACADEMY**

Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 7, 2019 at 12:30 PM

Location

Board Room

Directors Present

A. Farooqi, A. Gozycki, A. O'Rourke, M. Dixon, M. Mittal, M. Ramasamy, S. Dasu, S. Korrapati, S. Liner, S. Schroeck

Directors Absent

None

Ex-Officio Members Present

A. Pieper

Non Voting Members Present

A. Pieper

Guests Present

Tom Miller

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Dixon called a meeting of the board of directors of Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy to order on Wednesday Aug 7, 2019 @ 12:34 PM at Board Room.

C. Read Mission Statement

S. Korrapati read the mission statement.

D. Approval of Prior Minutes

A. Gozycki made a motion to approve minutes from the Monthly Board Meeting on 06-24-19.

S. Korrapati seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

S. Korrapati made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

M. Ramasamy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines

A. Community Comments - guidelines

No comments in the room or on the phone in the first or second round of comments.

III. Director's Report

A. General Items

A. Pieper presented the Director's Report:

Student Enrollment and Performance

- Enrollment Report: Represents this year's current data. 9 students in grades 4-8 have withdrawn over the summer, all seats have been filled with the exception of 8th grade. No trends to note for middle school attrition.
- Staff and parent handbooks have been revised to be more user friendly, information has been grouped by topic rather than alphabetically listed. A. Pieper requested board feedback by next Monday, August 12th.
- Technology instruction, dedicated 40 mins with assistant in class K-1. Grades 2-4 will have technology embedded in the classroom (ELA, SS.) Grades 5-8 will receive content embedded in classes once a month. Also gives Ms. Reynolds flexibility for tech support.
- Say Something - NC Safety Initiative, an anonymous reporting tool for middle schoolers funded by state, is rolling out in November.
- Extended Care: Procedural and fee changes for upcoming year will ensure more accurate staffing ratios. Also plan to add more enrichment options for the after school program.

Teachers and Staff

- Fully staffed for upcoming school year

Governance, Financial, and Strategic Planning

- The following items will be discussed further in closed session:
 - Extended care contracts
 - Review of facility rentals
 - Title II funding - extension until the end of September granted from DPI
 - Project Lead The Way contract for review in closed session

Upcoming Events/Other Items

- Bathroom stalls are being updated
- Plastic water bottle initiative (phasing out single use bottles) is kicking off to coincide with new water fountains
- Back To School Night: no formal presentation as in past years, gym space will be an info booth of sorts for families

IV. Policy Committee

A. Adopt Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy

S. Liner presented policies for vote.

- This is a new policy up for vote. Two small changes have been made to the draft staff electronic policy: one prohibits staff from linking a personal website to the school website, another is that reposting content from within the school is permitted.

B. Amend Paid Time Off Policy

- Amending that PTO days to be based off hourly time off vs. days/half days. This allows more flexibility in time needed. Rather than taking a half day, staff can take the first hour or last hour of the day.
- Part time employee PTO now connects to % of full time hours worked (i.e. 60% time).
- Staff contracts will be revised to reflect the amended policy language.

C. Adopt Staff Use of Facilities Policy

- New policy will allow staff to use building to work with current students during the times the building is open and the school day is over, with guidelines for use.

S. Liner made a motion to approve the slate of policies (all 3) altogether.

M. Mittal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Governance Committee

A. Election of Officers

S. Liner made a motion to nominate Sarah Schroeck for the secretary position.

S. Korrapati seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Expansion Committee

A. Expansion Updates

S. Korrapati gave Expansion update:

Committee has visited several sites and will give details in closed session.

VII. Closed Session (if necessary)

A. Closed Session

S. Liner made a motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to "Permitted Purposes" under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11: (a) To prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information.

M. Mittal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Vote on any items from Closed Sessions

No vote needed.

B. Adjourn Meeting

M. Mittal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Ramasamy seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Gozycki