

THE METROLINA REGIONAL SCHOLARS' ACADEMY, INC.

Open and Closed Session

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Conference Room, Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Voting Members Present

Lee Keel, Chair

Renee Alsop

Jack Wagler

Makila Scruggs

Katherine Pair

Karen Cleary

Michael Matthews

Jen McClave

Noelle Sproul

Rob Watson

Manish Mittal

Call to Order and Mission Statement. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda.

Action: A motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of Development Update, was made by Ms. Sproul, seconded by Ms. Scruggs, and approved by the Board.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 27, August 5, and August 14, 2015.

Action: A motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, August 5, and August 14, 2015 meetings was made by Mr. Wagler, seconded by Ms. Cleary, and approved by the Board.

Director's Report.

Ms. Cuneo presented Mr. Havner's written proposal to change the Social Studies curriculum. This change would be effective for current 7th graders, so that next year's 8th grade can receive high school credit for Civics & Economics.

Action: Dr. Matthews moved to approve change. Ms. Scruggs seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Attendance was 364 on first day of school. 4 were out of the country and missed first day.

Development

Ms. Cuneo introduced Toni Hemming, the new Development Director. Ms. Hemming's immediate priorities are: annual campaign & sponsorships/grants.

Financial Updates

Mr. Watson updated the board on school finances.

Since the state budget has not yet been approved, there is the possibility our state funding will be delayed. We have enough cash to cover 6 months, so this is not a concern at this time.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday and will present calendar and plan at next Board meeting.

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Policy Updates

Policy planning and prioritization will be discussed at next board meeting, where we will vote on policy priorities.

The Board discussed an updated Financial Policy that codifies our existing practice of requiring two signatures (one internal/one external), with an added threshold: anything below \$1,000 could be signed by one person, while anything over \$1,000 would require 2 signatures.

Action: Ms. Alsop moved to approve the financial policy. Dr. Matthews seconded and the Board approved.

The Board acknowledges receipt of letter from Mr. Wagler attesting that he will not participate in investment decisions, given his employment at EY, a public accounting firm.

Hiring Committee Update:

Mr. Boone is guiding us through Phase I of executive director search. Based on outcome of vision discussion, he will guide us through Phase II.

Strategic Planning Update:

Goal is to come to agreement on vision by September meeting.

Committee is seeking board feedback:

1. Should our vision be aspirational/all inclusive? Outcome: the Board agreed upon aspirational.
2. Do we want an acronym, alliteration, phrase/bullets. Outcome: the Committee will try to find an acronym/alliteration that works, but if it is too hard they will go in a different direction.

Community Comments:

Dr. Morris noted that the atmosphere at the beginning of the year has been unprecedented.

Ms. Perotta updated the board on the new catering system – very pleased so far.

New Business:

- For next meeting: priority list of policies, finance plan/calendar, strategic planning recommendation.
- Ms. Cuneo asked to know what her evaluation tool is by the next meeting.
- Charter Leadership Institute coming up – registration due in September.
- Dr. Matthews interested in beta test of app for teachers to communicate with parents.

Board Improvement:

The Board should make an effort to recruit individuals. This can be done by reaching out to others to join committees.

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The primary committees will be: governance (including policy), finance, academic excellence, and development. There should be 1-2 board members per committee. Strategic Planning, Hiring, and Vision Committees are special purpose committees.

Action: Ms. Alsop moved that the board create a development committee to be chaired by Jen McClave. This motion was seconded by Ms. Scruggs, and approved by the Board.

Mr. Keel recapped the four goals from retreat.

Motion to Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. McClave, seconded by Ms. Watson and approved by the Board.