



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, October 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room, Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Conference Call Number: 980-224-1999 (local) or 1-805-309-2350, Conference ID: 996-0029

MEMBERS

Renee Alsop	Lee Keel	Jennifer McClave
Manish Mittal	Katherine Pair	Brenda Romanoff
Makila Scruggs	Jack Wagler*	Rob Watson
Jessica Cuneo (<i>ex-officio</i>)		

*via conference call

MISSION

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy provides a differentiated and challenging learning environment that supports the distinctive intellectual, social, and emotional needs of highly gifted children and enables them to form meaningful relationships with their intellectual peers.

AGENDA

1	Call to Order & Mission Statement : Watson read the mission. Lee Keel	6:30
2	Approval of prior Minutes: Scruggs motioned to approve prior minutes, Alsop seconded, all approved. Lee Keel	
3	Announcements & Adoption of the Agenda: Scruggs motioned, Romanoff seconded, all approved. Lee Keel	
4	Report from Executive Director: Narrowing options for Terra Nova replacements Discussion about High School Night with Scholars alumni, Teacher of the Year, Singapore math night Enrollment at capacity of 376 Wifi upgrade and 11 smartboards will be installed over winter break for the previously approved \$50K. Discussion on lice procedure, not a policy. Board recommends administration create and follow a procedure. We need to provide ELL (English Language Learner) services for a few students at school. This is the first time in our school's history so administration is learning about funding details. Discussion on how Scholars Squawks, a teacher's insight to the classroom, could be shared with broader school community, including board. Jessica Cuneo	6:45
5	Finance Committee Update: Watson led discussion. We will receive \$35-40K more from the state. Audit is due this week, all is well. Considering 3 rd party review of 5500 forms.	7:05



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	<p>Finance Committee presents 4 options for board to consider regarding payout of sick days for staff and recommends Option 3. After some discussion board decided administration should present to staff for their input. Board to vote at next meeting. Discussion of cash position. Based on our current cash position, what are our options? Discussion about options followed, including earlier idea of creating a foundation. On behalf of Finance Committee Watson makes a motion to approve the partial pay down of debt (Loan # 2), McClave seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Rob Watson</p>	
6	<p>Policy Committee Update Discussion on Weapons and Educational Research Policy. Administration has discretion to determine what constitutes a weapon. Regarding Educational Research Policy Romanoff suggested we consider IRB. Board will review and vote on Ed Research Policy next meeting. Watson motioned to approve Weapons Policy, Pair seconded, all approved.</p> <p>Makila Scruggs</p>	7:35
7	<p>Board Governance Town Hall –Will be held Tuesday, November 1st. Discussion on Town Hall topics. By-Laws review – Finalize by December 31st. Some minor changes made to consider and approve at next meeting. Board needs to be intentional about recruiting for next year’s board. Board Calendar & Planning for Next Meeting : Audit results, Development Committee on Annual Campaign, Educational Research Policy, Sick Days Policy</p> <p>Lee Keel</p>	7:45
8	<p>Community Comments – see guideline on-line Miller – Non-union state, we are professionals and public servants. The staff appreciates the Board’s consideration [of benefits like the sick day payout discussion tonight]</p> <p>Wheeler – Encourages Board to attend pasta dinner.</p> <p><i>The public is welcome to speak; limited to three minutes per speaker. Topics should not cover private, confidential or personal information. The board will not respond or enter into a dialogue on topics discussed.</i></p>	8:10

Motion to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to “Permitted Purposes” under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11: Scruggs motion to move to closed session, Watson seconded, all approved.

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10	Pair moved to open session, Alsop seconded, all approved	

OPEN SESSION

11	Scruggs motion to adjourn meeting, Mittal seconded, all approved	8:25
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