



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, September 26, 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>)		

*McClave present 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 (Lee Keel)& Mission Statement: Wagler read mission statement	6:30
2	Approval of prior Minutes :Alsop moved to approve minutes, Scruggs seconded Lee Keel	
3	Announcements & Adoption of the Agenda: Wagler moved to approve, Watson seconded, all approved. Wagler and Cuneo commented on New Parent Orientation and all seemed happy with the turnout. All appreciate the work of parent volunteers who made the event meaningful.	
4	Report from Executive Director: 3 rd grade results are positive (98%) for pre-assessment. SEL Program Update: Parent feedback on program seems positive. Admin doing research on options to replace Terra Nova testing, demographic information on staff, new ideas to emphasize importance of attendance in first 20 days. Discussion about teachers getting paid out for sick days at end of year rather than lose them. Sick days should be paid out at their wage. Finance committee will work with ED to create options regarding this issue for the Board to vote on. Watson asked that the Finance Committee be notified by June 30 th for budgeting purposes Our current student demographics do not reflect the community that we live in which is a directive in the charter. What steps can the ED and board take to meet that expectation? After some discussion, Watson suggested forming a committee to address this issue.	6:39



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	Staff will be fingerprinted and drug tested tomorrow. Jessica Cuneo	
5	Finance Committee Update: Watson led discussion on topics from Finance Committee. Need to have a plan to replace Smartboards. There are 8 that will need to be replaced this year. Finance committee asks that board vote to approve an amount equal to the higher cost boards for the admin to use as need arises and possibly for alternate comparable equipment. Request to approve a maximum dollar amount of \$50,000 as per the administration's direction for Smartboard or similar technology as a capitalized expenditure.	7:17
6	Policy Committee Update: Scruggs asks board for guidance on which policies to prioritize. Discussion about parent grievance regarding Background Check fee.	7:26
7	Board Governance : Lee Keel led discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Director Job Description: We have not had one in the past. Board used a template from Tom Miller to create one that will be used this year. ▪ Town Hall, tentative – Tuesday, November 1st PTO would like to incorporate a dinner so that is a tentative addition to the event. Keel led discussion how best to get questions and feedback from parents. ▪ Board Calendar & Planning for Next Meeting Lee led discussion. 	7:57
8	Community Comments – see guideline on-line Hemming – Drafted Media Relations Policy – A permanent Board Block is available on the website to be used as needed. Farooqi – Likes security of background check information, received good feedback on SEL program from parents. He suggests talking about that at Town Hall. Racine – Concerned about the diversity of our school. There are 5 current policies in the charter that keep the diversity low. 8:30 <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>	8:00

If needed, motion to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to “Permitted Purposes” under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11:

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No closed session	
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9	Adjourn: Scruggs motions to adjourn, Romanoff seconded, all approved.	8:30
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