



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 30, 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

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

In attendance: Mittal, Scruggs, Keel, McClave, Romanoff, Scruggs, Cuneo. Alsop and Wagler 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.

MINUTES

1	Call to Order & Mission Statement Lee Keel read the mission statement.	6:30
2	Approval of prior Minutes Lee Keel led discussion of changes suggested by Tom Miller. Scruggs moved to approve minutes pending changes discussed. McClave seconded, all approved.	6:35
3	Announcements & Adoption of the Agenda Lee Keel McClave moved to approve the agenda, Mittal seconded, all approved.	
4	Dr. Cindy Gilson – presentation on UNCC Research Study Overview: Understanding Teachers’ Listening Orientations Two phase research study over 1.5 years grades 6-8 Discussion about creating a policy to streamline process for future research opportunities.	6:42
5	Report from Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handbooks (Staff and Parent/ Student) Minor changes made to Student Handbook regarding behavior standards and discipline. Discussion on flexibility with timeline for teachers to obtain Gifted Certification and if changes to Policy should be made. Board asked Mrs. Cuneo to consider if any changes or clarifications are necessary to Gifted Certifications section; specific discussion on years of service. ▪ Board asks ED to estimate the cost of fingerprinting the teachers and staff as part of the background check policy. ▪ ADM/ Enrollment, Waitlists, Withdrawals information. We have enrollment of 375 (max is 376) with 4 absences on the first day of school. All 4 students are out of the country. Discussion to begin process of collecting data to detect trends in enrollment and withdrawals. ▪ Social Emotional Learning - brief overview of program implementation. Second 	7:04



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	Step Program will follow.	
6	<p>Board Governance & Development – Lee Keel led discussion summarizing Board Retreat in July with Tom Miller’s guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board Calendar & Planning for Next Meeting ▪ Committee activities should begin soon, as needed. Jack Wagler requested a staff member participate in Sponsorship and Partnership sub-committee which will focus more on corporate partners. ▪ Board presentation guidelines/ Community Comments - Discussion addressing changes to policy explaining in more detail community comments that are appropriate for the Board to address, specifically, comments should pertain to or impact governance issues. McClave moved to approve the changes to the Community Comments Policy, Romanoff seconded, all approved ▪ Town Hall, tentative – Tuesday, November 15th <p>Lee Keel</p>	7:40
7	<p>Community Comments</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> <p>AJ Farooqi Kelly Wheeler</p>	8:05
8	<p>No items to discuss in Closed Session</p> <p>Scruggs motioned to Adjourn meeting, McClave seconded, all agreed.</p>	