

## MEMBERS

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

## 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	<p>Call to Order &amp; Mission Statement Read by Scruggs. Lee Keel</p>	6:33
2	<p>Approval of prior Minutes &amp; Adoption of the Agenda. Watson motions to approve minutes, Wagler seconds, all approve. Scruggs moves to adopt agenda, Alsop seconds, all approve. Lee Keel</p>	
3	<p>Announcements Community Comments (First Opportunity) – subject to guidelines No comments <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> Lee Keel</p>	
4	<p>Report from School Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive Director report, including admissions update</li> </ul> <p>Scholars Program received survey feedback from community. Of most concern were the comments around SEL Program and admin feels that energy should be put into further evaluation and development of that program at this time. Scholars Program will be revisited during the next year. Continuing to review language program and applying best practices.</p> <p>Admin looking at ways to evaluate SEL program through teacher and student surveys.</p> <p>Waitlist /lottery update</p> <p>Strategic Plan update lead by Toni Hemming – 16 of 29 teachers selected randomly and surveys are submitted anonymously. All interviews will be conducted during the first week of April. Strategic Planning Committee will gather that information and assess factors for recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Implementation Plan for 2016/17 Summary – 1. Math 2. Differentiated Instructional Strategies (will be a key focus next year) 3. SEL 4. Collaborative Learning Community 5. Foreign Language 6. Student Support 7. Beginning Teach/ New Staff 8. Academic Social Emotional Needs 9. Communication (lead by Toni Hemming) 10. Development (lead by Toni Hemming) Keel asks if there are action items for the board. At this time, no.</p>	6:45

	<p>Meetings with staff members underway regarding plans for next year so that recruiting for new/open positions can begin</p> <p>Calendar set with no built in snow days and start and stop time will be the same next year.</p> <p>Admissions Lottery – summary and discussion about the effectiveness of group test. Also asked about the cost of the group test compared to effectiveness. Admin will evaluate.</p> <p>Jessica Cuneo</p>	
5	<p>Finance Committee Update</p> <p>Regarding 2015-2016 tax returns - no significant concerns or information to report. No major changes. Watson makes motion to approve 990 Tax returns, Wagler seconds, all approve.</p> <p>Back filings were not paid on small retirement fund discussed in prior meeting. Once \$750 fine plus processing fees for each year are paid (\$500 estimate for each year), the matter will be resolved.</p> <p>Rob Watson</p>	7:12
6	<p>Policy Committee Update</p> <p>Discussion of edits. Scruggs made changes to documents as requested by board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Finance-Budget, Purchasing</li> <li>▪ Volunteer Screening</li> <li>▪ Gift</li> <li>▪ Crisis Communication</li> </ul> <p>Also moves to approve all 5 policies with discussed amendments, Wagler seconds, all approve.</p> <p>Keel led discussion on re-wording of Grievance Policy. His intention was to soften the language so make the process less intimidating for parents. This is a first pass to review. Keel will make some changes for a vote next meeting.</p> <p>Makila Scruggs</p>	7:30
7	<p>Board Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board recruitment - Need to focus on non-parent recruitment. Skill sets needed or rolling off this year. Charter School Law, PR, Education, Marketing</li> <li>▪ Board Calendar &amp; Planning for Next Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Lee Keel</p>	7:55
8	<p>Community Comments (Second Opportunity)</p> <p>Scholars LinkedIn group could be potential source for board recruitment.</p>	8:00

If needed, motion to convene in Closed Session, pursuant to “Permitted Purposes” under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11: Watson motions to go to closed session to discuss student issues, Also second, all approve.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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Pair moves to go into Open Session, Also second, all approve.

**OPEN SESSION**

11	Administration says Student Support Services are critical but the priority at our school is gifted instruction. Administration would like for board to address “Why we are here and what we do” to establish clear guidelines for entire community. Board suggests admin use the Vision and Values documents to determine how they would like to communicate this.	8:20
12	Pair makes motion to adjourn, Alsop seconds, all approve.	8:45