



Shining Rock Classical Academy

SRCA Regular Board Meeting

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Amended on February 28, 2024 at 7:50 PM EST

Date and Time

Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

2150 Russ Ave, Waynesville NC 28786

Agenda

| | Purpose | Presenter | Time |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|
| I. Opening Items | | | 6:30 PM |
| A. Call the Meeting to Order | | | |
| B. Pledge of Allegiance | | | 1 m |
| C. SRCA Mission Statement | | Abbie Wilkins | 1 m |
| | Shining Rock Classical Academy cultivates critical thinking skills and fosters a lifelong love of learning through rigorous academics, experiential education, and our core values of Integrity, Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, Wisdom, and Leadership. | | |
| D. Record Attendance | | | 1 m |
| E. Approve Minutes | Approve Minutes | | 1 m |
| | Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, January 24, 2024 | | |

| | Purpose | Presenter | Time |
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| F. Approve the Agenda | Vote | Bert Newsome | |
| II. Academic Excellence | | | |
| III. Finance | | | 6:34 PM |
| A. January Board Report See documents tab for Report | FYI | Bert Newsome | 5 m |
| IV. Public Comment | | | |
| V. School Report | | | 6:39 PM |
| A. School Report February 2024 | FYI | Joshua Morgan | 8 m |
| VI. Closed Session | | | |
| VII. Voting Business | | | 6:47 PM |
| A. Policy 4100 Request to approve clerical revision to Policy 4100 | Vote | Joshua Morgan | 3 m |
| B. Finance Recommendations | Vote | Bert Newsome | 5 m |
| C. Personnel Report | Vote | Joshua Morgan | 5 m |
| D. Additional Voting Items if Needed | Vote | Natalie Malis | 5 m |
| VIII. Closing Items | | | 7:05 PM |
| A. Adjourn Meeting | Vote | | |

Coversheet

Approve Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: E. Approve Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: 2024_01_24_board_meeting_minutes.pdf

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Shining Rock Classical Academy

Minutes

SRCA Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Location

2150 Russ Ave, Waynesville NC 28786

Directors Present

A. Weimar (remote), A. Wilkins, B. Newsome (remote), J. Schleifer, L. Davis, N. Malis (remote), S. Messer

Directors Absent

S. Brantly

Ex Officio Members Present

J. Morgan

Non Voting Members Present

J. Morgan

Guests Present

Augusta Adeleke, Austin McFalls (remote), Brian Reeves, Butch Mullinix, Josh Sims, S. Jenkins, Terry Inman

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

N. Malis called a meeting of the board of directors of Shining Rock Classical Academy to order on Wednesday Jan 24, 2024 at 6:36 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. SRCA Mission Statement

D. Record Attendance

E. Approve the Agenda

L. Davis made a motion to Approve the agenda for Regular Board Meeting 01-24-2024.

J. Schleifer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approve Minutes

A. Wilkins made a motion to Approve minutes from Regular Board Meeting 11-29-2023.

L. Davis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

A. Wilkins made a motion to approve the minutes from SRCA Regular Board Meeting on 11-29-23.

L. Davis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Announcement

II. Governance

A. Nominations for Board Membership - Butch Mullinix

B. Newsome made a motion to Approve Butch Mullinix for board membership.

J. Schleifer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Nominations for Board Membership - Augusta Adeleke

B. Newsome made a motion to Approve Augusta Adeleke for board membership.

J. Schleifer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Proposed Committees

Introduction of three new committees -

1. Board Engagement Committee - Helping to bridge the gap and integrate communication and action between the board, staff, families, students, and our

community at large. NEST president and/or members and possibly student council members to be members of this committee as well.

Motion to approve Augusta Adeleke to chair this committee. Note to add Sandy Brantly to this committee if she approves when she is present.

2. Policy Committee - updating current policies and creating new policies. Helping the other committees and the school with appropriate compliance and functionality.

Motion to approve Jon Schliefer and Larry Davis for co-chair of this committee

3. Facilities Committee - Priorities with facilities and working closely with Bert Newsome on Finance Committee to facilitate this committee.

Motion to approve Bert Newsome and Shane Messer to co-chair this committee

N. Malis made a motion to Approve the 3 new committees with the persons listed above as chairs and co-chairs.

L. Davis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. School Report

A. School Report

J. Morgan discusses school report

- Inclement weather policy - Weather delays and cancellations are thorough and many factors taken into consideration. We do not have to run busses to many areas like public schools do, etc.

High School EOC: Children performed better than state average

Attendance Policy - 15 absences allowed per year. No excuses, doctor's notes, etc., necessary anymore

4th grade science fair was today. Very successful, well attended.

Josh attended NC Assoc. Public Charter Schools meeting on Monday.

Article will be in upcoming paper possibly next week regarding test scores and school happenings.

New score board installed in the gym.

Athletic team updates - High School Boys' basketball came in 2nd overall, HS Girls' team making progress as well. Middle school teams doing well also.

See school report under Agenda

Question from N. Malis regarding families who are not able to make it into school when SRCA is having school. Are they excused when/if they can not make it into school? Yes. This is covered under the inclement weather policy.

IV. Finance

A. Financial Report

B. Newsome reporting: See Financial Report on Agenda

605 students currently

BCCG responsibility regarding some malfunctioning of HVAC

Liquidity is key - we are at about 60 days cash on hand at the moment which is great. Minimum standard is 30 days on hand. We would like to be closer to 90 days cash on hand.

J. Morgan - we got awarded the Safe Schools Grant - cameras for entire facility. \$101,000 was awarded

V. Closed Session

A. Personnel

-Hirings and position changes, resignations, etc.

A. Wilkins made a motion to Approve personnel report.

S. Messer seconded the motion.

B. Newsome and S. Brantley not present for vote

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. New Business

A. Approve Academic Calendar 2024-25

1.025 hours are required per academic year.

Calendar we are proposing has 5 days of surplus built in

See calendar and calendar break down under Agenda

L. Davis made a motion to Approve the proposed 2024-2025 academic calendar.

A. Weimar seconded the motion.

B. Newsome lost power and was unable to be present for the vote. S. Brantley unable to vote due to leaving meeting early for family emergency

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve Personnel Report

B. Newsome made a motion to Approve personnel report.

S. Messer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Wilkins

Documents used during the meeting

- School Report January 2024.pdf
- 12.2023 Financial Reports - SRCA.pdf
- SRCA 24-25 Calendar (DRAFT).pdf
- SRCA 24-25 Calendar Breakdown.pdf

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:30pm
2150 Russ Ave. Waynesville NC 28786
Zoom Link on School Calendar

Coversheet

School Report February 2024

Section: V. School Report
Item: A. School Report February 2024
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: School Report February 2024.pdf

SRCA School Report



February 26, 2024

Shining Rock Classical Academy
Joshua F. Morgan
Head of School



Student Engagement

During a school year, there are many functions that take place across the organization. At times, there are operational functions that take time and energy. These can include items such as staff development, board development, financial oversight, policy reviews, or academic programing. The focus of this School Report will be on student engagement and how the students of SRCA have shined just over the past month.

Academic Success

The first set of highlights will focus on the academic success that SRCA students have experienced as a community, across Haywood County, and in our region with the possibility of state recognition to come.

Haywood County Soil and Water Contest

On February 27th, the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District recognized the winners for the annual poster, essay, and slideshow competition. This is a county-wide competition open to all of the schools in Haywood County and organized by a major academic contributor and sustainer of our community at the Test Farm.

Poster Contest Winners

| 3 rd Grade | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 st Place | Emily Tagliaferri |
| 2 nd Place | Jaxson Davis |
| 3 rd Place | Silas Paige |
| 4 th Grade | |
| 1 st Place | Lincoln Jenkins |
| 2 nd Place | Jennings Wilkins |
| 3 rd Place | Izzy Gould |
| 5 th Grade | |
| 1 st Place | Emma Jennings |
| 2 nd Place | Natalya Hatherlee |
| 3 rd Place | Sara McFeeters |



Essay Contest Winners

| 6 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st Place | Mollie Childers |
| 2 nd Place | Maggie Ruff |
| 3 rd Place | Sarah Roberts |

| 7 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st Place | Fallon Morgan |
| 2 nd Place | Yadxiel Diaz |
| 3 rd Place | Maya Haynes |

For the 9th-12th grade essay contest, SRCA’s Miguel Rodriguez won 3rd place.



Slideshow Winners

| 6 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st Place | Georgia Coble |
| 2 nd Place | Eliza Lynn |
| 3 rd Place | Reece Hector |

| 7 th Grade | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st Place | Amelia Bowser |
| 2 nd Place | Eliana Jones |

| 9 th – 12 th Grade | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1 st Place | Isabella Varvoutis |
| 2 nd Place | Randle Lynn |
| 3 rd Place | Jeremiah Davis |



(Slideshow winners continued from previous page)

High School Science Fair Winners

High school science students took the Region 8 Western Regional Science & Engineering Fair at WCU by storm on Friday, February 9. With projects ranging from making ice cream, forensic profiling, and oil viscosity, students prepared visuals and were ready to answer questions from the judges.

In the Chemistry category, juniors the team of Alicia Davis and Haylei Hornbuckle placed second while the team of Leland Gentry, Braiden Long, Clifton Caldwell, and Cain Manalopolous placed first. In the Earth and Environmental Science category, Summer Lynn and Eva Shapiro placed first and plan to represent SRCA at the state level on March 23 in Raleigh.



1st Annual Blue & White Game

SRCA High School Student Council hosted the first of what is expected to become a new annual tradition Blue-White Game with basketball teams from the high school and middle school competing against each other. This culminating game of the season served as a celebration for the outstanding efforts and accomplishments for each team during the season since October.

Pre-game and halftime festivities included performances by the middle school Bucket Drum class and the Step Club danced into halftime. There were also halfcourt shot competitions which encouraged fan participation while also raising additional funds to support high school capstone trip scholarships.

The high school girls team celebrated senior night for senior basketball player, Allie Inman. Allie has been a part of the SRCA community since elementary school and has participated in SRCA athletics since she was eligible to do so beginning in her 5th grade year. In May, Allie will graduate from Early College and will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall. Coach Phil Morgan recognized Allie for her leadership during the past season and over her SRCA career by awarding her the high school girls leadership award. Additionally, moving forward the award will be known as the Allie Inman Leadership Award and will recognize those on the team who go above and beyond for their teammates in the girl's basketball program.

The high school Homecoming Court was recognized also recognized during the evening. The court included Freshmen Ella Wood and Makenzie Powell, Sophomores Alyssa Jackson and Leah Majewski, and Juniors Savannah Sellers, Paige Hatherlee, and Evie Teague.

The gym was packed with students, family, and friends in a celebration of our SRCA community.



Kindergarten and 1st Grade Art and Music Celebration

On February 22, the art and music department collaborated to hold their first Kindergarten-First Grade Family Night. Students and families divided into grade levels to participate in sessions that focused on either art or music. Mrs. Bulla led a sample music lesson in the gym involving both students and parents. Just as she does each day in her classroom, Mrs. Bulla used different activities and instruments to teach a basic music concept to the group. The groups participated in songs and dances that Mrs. Bulla works on in during a regular class.



Meanwhile, the other group participated with Mrs. Gangemi in an interactive art experience in the hallway. Mrs. Gangemi explained what students were working on and specific artists that students were learning about. Students and families participated in a collaborative art installation that stretched across the entire first floor and into the middle stairwell.

At the midpoint of the evening, the groups switched areas, and everyone left with a greater appreciation for the work that our amazing specialist complete each day with students.



Athletic Success

Middle School Girls Basketball Champions

The Shining Rock Classical Academy Middle School Girls Basketball team won both the Mountain West Conference regular season title and tournament championship. The Lady Falcons had an excellent season finishing with an overall record of 11-4 and a conference record of 10-1. The team played a schedule of games against other charter schools, private schools, and public schools.

In the tournament championship game against Asheville Catholic School, SRCA won by a score of 35-29. Fallon Morgan hit 7 three-point shots to lead the team with 21 points while Maya Haynes was also in double figures with 10 points. Jessa Treadway rounded out the scoring with 4 points.

The SRCA girls are coached by Beth Young, Ashley Hill, and Todd Huermann. Members of the championship team include Evelyn Young-Scavato, Maya Haynes, Rylan Haynes, Eliana Jones, Fallon Morgan, Jessa Treadway, Emily Allison, Reece Hector, Maggie Ledford, Sarah Roberts.



Items for Board Review

Clerical Edit of Policy 4100

The revised policy from November missed one key statement that was discussed and approved in committee but did not make the approved version. This statement clarifies the check-in/check-out time to be counted as present and reads as follows:

For a student to be considered present for an academic day, they must be in attendance for at least ½ of the operational day. For example, with a regularly scheduled elementary day of 8 am to 3 pm sign-in to start the day after 11:30 or a check-out prior to 11:30 would not constitute a full day of attendance and shall be documented as an absence.

It is recommended that this policy be re-approved with this clerical edit included.

Financial Update

Please refer to the SRCA Financial Report 1.2024.

Cover Photo: The SRCA Middle School Girls won their Championship game hosted at Christ School.
(Photo by J. Morgan)

Coversheet

Policy 4100

Section: VII. Voting Business
Item: A. Policy 4100
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: 4410 Attendance Policy REV 2_2024.pdf

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Policy Number: 4410

The State of North Carolina requires that every child in the State between the ages of 7 (or younger if enrolled) and 16 attend school. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that students attend and remain at school daily. Students, parents, and school personnel are encouraged to recognize their individual responsibilities governing the attendance of children in school.

For a student to be considered present for an academic day, they must be in attendance for at least ½ of the operational day. For example, with a regularly scheduled elementary day of 8 am to 3 pm sign-in to start the day after 11:30 or a check-out prior to 11:30 would not constitute a full day of attendance and shall be documented as an absence.

A. Attendance Records

School officials shall keep accurate records of attendance, including accurate attendance records in each class. Attendance records will be used to enforce the Compulsory Attendance Law of North Carolina.

B. Excused Absences

When a student must miss school, a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian must be presented to the student's teacher on the day the student returns after an absence. Absences due to extended illnesses may also require a statement from a physician. An absence may be excused for any of the following reasons:

1. personal illness or injury that makes the student physically unable to attend school;
2. isolation ordered by the State Board of Health;
3. death in the immediate family;
4. medical or dental appointment;
5. participation under subpoena as a witness in a court proceeding;
6. observance of an event required or suggested by the religion of the student or the student's parent or legal guardian;
7. participation in a valid educational opportunity, such as travel or service as a legislative or Governor's page, with prior approval from the principal;
8. visitation with the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is not identified as at risk of academic failure because of unexcused absences and the student's parent or legal guardian (a) is an active duty member of the uniformed services, and (b) has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.
9. inclement weather restricts the safe travel for a student from their home when the school conducts an instructional day.

In the case of excused absences, short-term out-of-school suspensions, and absences under G.S. 130A-440 (for failure to submit a school health assessment form within 30 days of entering school) the student will be permitted to make up his or her work teacher will determine when work is to be made up. The student is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

C. Tardy and Check-out Procedure

A tardy is defined as:

- In Grades K-8 a student that is not present in their assigned classroom at the start of the school day.
- In grades 9-12 a student that is not present at the beginning of each class.

A tardy is determined to be excused or unexcused by applying the same guidelines as defined in Section B above. For attendance purposes 3 tardies will be the equivalent of 1 absence.

D. Remote Instruction Exception

Certain medical situations will require that a student learn remotely. When this occurs, student attendance will fall under Policy 4405: *Remote Attendance Policy*.

For a student to be eligible for attendance under Policy 4405, one of the following must apply:

- a. The student is not allowed on campus for more than 3 days due to an illness or exposure as determined by the SRCA school nurse
- b. A guardian of the student provides a waiver signed by a Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), or Physician (MD) stating that the student is unable to function in a public setting due to the fragility of themselves or a domiciled family member

E. School-Related Activities

All classroom activities are important and difficult, if not impossible, to replace if missed. Principals shall ensure that classes missed by students due to school-related activities are kept to an absolute minimum. The following school-related activities will not be counted as absences from either class or school:

1. field work sponsored by the school;
2. school-initiated and -scheduled activities;
3. athletic events that require early dismissal from school;
4. in-school suspensions.

Assignments missed for these reasons are eligible for makeup by the student. The teacher will determine when work is to be made up. The student is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

F. Excessive Absences

Class attendance and participation are critical elements of the educational process and may be taken into account in assessing academic achievement. Students are expected to be at school on time and to be present at the scheduled starting time for each class.

The Head of School or designee shall notify parents and take all other steps required by G.S. 115C-378 for excessive absences.

If a student is absent from school for five or more days in a semester, the Head of School or a committee established by the Head of School shall consider whether the student's grades should be reduced because of the absences. The Head of School or committee shall review other measures of academic achievement, the circumstances of the absences, the number of absences, and the extent to which the student completed missed work. A committee may recommend to the Head of School who may make any of the following determinations:

1. The student will not receive a passing grade for the semester;
2. the student's grade will be reduced;
3. the student will receive the grade otherwise earned; or
4. the student will be given additional time to complete the missed work before a determination of the appropriate grade is made.

Students with excused absences due to documented chronic health problems are exempt from this policy. In addition, for students experiencing homelessness, school officials must consider issues related to the student's homelessness, such as a change of caregivers or nighttime residence, before taking disciplinary action or imposing other barriers to school attendance based on excessive absences or tardies.

Excessive absences may impact eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics

Revised: November 2023

Approved: June 2021