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Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday November 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Scholars Academy Monthly Board Meetings

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Dominique Palmer	1 m
Confirm meeting recording.			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Catherine Lewis	1 m
Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.			
C. Read Mission Statement		AJ Farooqi	2 m

Purpose Presenter Time

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

D. Administrative Meeting Review Catherine Lewis 2 m

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E. Approval of Prior Minutes 10/24/22 Approve Minutes Dominique Palmer 2 m

- Official approval of draft minutes

F. Adoption of the Agenda Vote Catherine Lewis 2 m

Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines **6:40 PM**

A. Community Comments - guidelines FYI 5 m

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III. Director's Report **6:45 PM**

A. General Items Vote Ari Pieper 15 m

- Director's Report - this month, the report will include an overview of the professional development plan for staff and the observation and evaluation procedures for teachers and staff
- Any contracts to be discussed in closed session
- Any personnel matters to be discussed in closed session

IV. Governance Committee **7:00 PM**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Status Review	Vote	Erica Womer	7 m

Committee updates:

- Develop a quarterly board newsletter for the community
- Host a community town hall in the spring
- Board committee members attend some of the staff committee meetings

Several staff employment contracts to be discussed in closed session

V. Policy Committee Updates **7:07 PM**

A. Policy Updates	FYI	Erica Womer	2 m
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Committee updates:

- Policies under review this this year: staff teleworking and paid-time off
- New policies being developed and considered for adoption this year: religious holiday policy

VI. Expansion Committee **7:09 PM**

A. Status Review	FYI	Weiyi Ning	2 m
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- Expansion-related contracts to be discussed in closed

VII. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Updates **7:11 PM**

A. Status Review	FYI	Dominique Palmer	3 m
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Committee updates:

- Develop a religious holiday policy
- Build a list of diversity-focused community organizations with which we could partner
- Focus on DEI for the quarterly Board newsletter in Feb/March

VIII. Educational Excellence Committee Updates **7:14 PM**

A. Status Review	FYI	Sridhar Dasu	3 m
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Committee updates: working on a survey for parents to gather feedback on differentiating the middle school experience; targeting it to be fielded in mid January.

IX. Foundation **7:17 PM**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Status Review	FYI	AJ Farooqi	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation updates 			
X. Whole Child Committee			7:20 PM
A. Status Review	FYI	Alison Hall	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee update 			
XI. Finance Committee Update			7:23 PM
A. Finance Recommendations	Vote	Adam Starling	15 m
<p>Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review budget amendments (vote) • Discuss bus transportation plan • Review options for CDs coming up for renewal in December (vote) 			
XII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:38 PM
A. Agenda Item Summary	FYI		5 m
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XIII. Closed Session			7:43 PM
<p>As noted in the Agenda or Meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential 2. to discuss material terms of a contract or proposed contract 3. to discuss or consider employment contracts 			
A. Closed Session	Discuss		45 m
XIV. Closing Items			8:28 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Vote on any items from Closed Session	Vote	Catherine Lewis	10 m
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B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Catherine Lewis	