



METROLINA REGIONAL  
**SCHOLARS  
ACADEMY**

## Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

### SA Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday January 23, 2023 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           |
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| <b>I. Opening Items</b>  |         |                  | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| Opening Items  |         |                  |                |
| <b>A. Record Attendance and Guests</b>   |         | Dominique Palmer | 1 m            |
| Confirm meeting recording.   |         |                  |                |
| <b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>  |         | Catherine Lewis  | 1 m            |
| Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting. |         |                  |                |
| <b>C. Read Mission Statement</b>   |         | Adam Starling    | 2 m            |

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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.

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| D. Administrative Meeting Review | Catherine Lewis | 2 m |
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| E. Approval of Prior Minutes 11/28/22 | Approve Minutes | Dominique Palmer | 2 m |
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- Official approval of draft minutes

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| F. Approval of Prior Minutes - Special Meeting 12/14/22 | Approve Minutes | Dominique Palmer | 2 m |
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| G. Adoption of the Agenda | Vote | Catherine Lewis | 2 m |
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Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?

**II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines 6:42 PM**

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| A. Community Comments - guidelines | FYI |  | 5 m |
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**III. Director's Report 6:47 PM**

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| A. General Items | Vote | Ari Pieper | 15 m |
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- Director's Report - this month, the report will include an overview of human resources procedures to include the hiring process, and managing people
- Preliminary proposed 2023-24 academic calendar options

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any contracts to be discussed in closed session</li> <li>• Any personnel matters to be discussed in closed session</li> </ul> |         |           |      |

January ED Report

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AXkJnF6H9W85DHIj3ERTDScwU8n\\_O3NPFrBCicJ0\\_M4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AXkJnF6H9W85DHIj3ERTDScwU8n_O3NPFrBCicJ0_M4/edit?usp=sharing)

**IV. Governance Committee** **7:02 PM**

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| <b>A. Status Review</b> | Vote | Erica Womer | 7 m |
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Committee updates:

- Provide updates on the quarterly board newsletter (late Jan), community town hall (April), staff survey, and ED evaluation
- Discuss upcoming "Ask the Board" form on school website

**V. Policy Committee Updates** **7:09 PM**

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| <b>A. Policy Updates</b> | FYI | Erica Womer | 15 m |
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Committee updates:

- Policies under review this this year: staff teleworking, paid-time off, and religious holiday
- Policy "first read" for Teleworking and Religious Non-discrimination policies

**VI. Expansion Committee** **7:24 PM**

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| <b>A. Status Review</b> | FYI | Weiyi Ning | 5 m |
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- An expansion-related contract to be discussed in closed

**VII. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Updates** **7:29 PM**

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| <b>A. Status Review</b> | 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

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| <b>VIII. Educational Excellence Committee Updates</b>  |         |               | <b>7:32 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Status Review</b>  | FYI     | Sridhar Dasu  | 3 m            |
| Committee updates: working on a survey for parents to gather feedback on the school experience.  |         |               |                |
| <b>IX. Foundation</b>  |         |               | <b>7:35 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Status Review</b>  | Discuss | AJ Farooqi    | 7 m            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGC trends</li> <li>• Highlight 3-year strategic planning process</li> </ul>  |         |               |                |
| <b>X. Whole Child Committee</b>  |         |               | <b>7:42 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Status Review</b>  | FYI     | Alison Hall   | 3 m            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee update</li> </ul>   |         |               |                |
| <b>XI. Finance Committee Update</b>  |         |               | <b>7:45 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Finance Recommendations</b>  | Vote    | Adam Starling | 15 m           |
| Committee Update   |         |               |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review budget amendments (vote)</li> <li>• Review quarterly financial performance</li> </ul>  |         |               |                |
| <b>XII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines</b>  |         |               | <b>8:00 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Agenda Item Summary</b>  | FYI     |               | 5 m            |
| <p>The public is welcome to speak; limited to three minutes per speaker.<br/> Topics should not cover private, confidential or personal information.<br/> The board will not respond or enter into a dialogue on topics discussed.<br/> At this time you may indicate your desire to participate in Community Comments by raising your hand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you would like to <b>raise a hand</b>, click “Participants” in the lower or upper section of your <b>Zoom</b> chat.</li> <li>2. In the “Participants” window select <b>“Raise Hand” {Windows: Alt+Y} or {Mac: Option+Y}</b> keyboard shortcuts to raise or lower your hand.</li> <li>3. When it is your turn, a moderator will identify you by name and then grant you access to speak.</li> </ol> |         |               |                |
| <b>XIII. Closed Session</b>  |         |               | <b>8:05 PM</b> |

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| As noted in the Agenda or Meeting:  |         |                 |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential</li> <li>2. to discuss material terms of a contract or proposed contract</li> <li>3. to discuss or consider employment contracts</li> </ul> |         |                 |                |
| <b>A. Closed Session</b>  | Discuss |                 | 45 m           |
| <b>XIV. Closing Items</b>   |         |                 | <b>8:50 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Vote on any items from Closed Session</b>   | Vote    | Catherine Lewis | 10 m           |
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| <b>B. Adjourn Meeting</b>   | Vote    | Catherine Lewis |                |