



METROLINA REGIONAL
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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 27, 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
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.			

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C. Read Mission Statement		Dominique Palmer	2 m

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 1/23/2023	Approve Minutes	Dominique Palmer	2 m
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- Official approval of draft minutes

F. 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 6:40 PM

A. Community Comments - guidelines	FYI		5 m
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III. Director's Report 6:45 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. General Items	Vote	Ari Pieper	15 m

- Director's Report - this month, the report will include an overview of the gifted conference and an update on the SEL program and Mental Health Plan
- Vote on the proposed 2023-24 academic calendar
- Any contracts and any personnel matters to be discussed in closed session

Director's Report

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CP4XnZXxFWpJolJoamVrDGbBkjrDaxWVtU_vL-Cf2Vk/edit?usp=sharing

IV. Governance Committee 7:00 PM

A. Status Review	Vote	Erica Womer	7 m
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Committee updates:

- Provide updates on the quarterly board newsletter, community town hall (April), staff survey, and ED evaluation
- Introduce board recruitment efforts for next year
- Discuss upcoming "Ask the Board" form on school website

V. Expansion Committee 7:07 PM

A. Status Review	FYI	Weiyi Ning	3 m
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Scholars Academy will remain in our current facility for the 2023-24 academic school year.

VI. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Updates 7:10 PM

A. Status Review	Discuss	Dominique Palmer	15 m
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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy strives to provide a community for our students and staff that values diversity while providing an equitable and inclusive learning environment.

Committee updates:

- Review the **Religion in Schools** policy; this is the 'second read' for this policy and there will be a vote later this evening

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| • Provide an overview of the upcoming Multi-Cultural Experience day (4/7) | | | |
| • Discuss further implementation of the school's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan that was adopted at the end of last school year | | | |

VII. Policy Committee Updates **7:25 PM**

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| A. Policy Updates | Vote | Erica Womer | 15 m |
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Committee updates:

- Policies under review this this year: staff teleworking, paid-time off, and religious holiday
- Tonight is the "second read" for the **Teleworking (revision)** and **Religion in School (new)** policies. We will discuss the two policies and, barring no questions or concerns, vote on them

VIII. Educational Excellence Committee Updates **7:40 PM**

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| A. Status Review | FYI | Sridhar Dasu | 3 m |
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Committee updates: the parent survey to gather feedback on the school experience is currently in the field.

IX. Foundation **7:43 PM**

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| A. Status Review | Discuss | AJ Farooqi | 3 m |
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- AGC trends
- Highlight 3-year strategic planning process

X. Whole Child Committee **7:46 PM**

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| A. Status Review | FYI | Alison Hall | 5 m |
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Committee updates:

- Researching options for upgrading the front playground (grant funded)
- Finalizing details for the staff retreats that will take place in March (partially grant-funded)
- Discussing end-of-year SEL awards, an intentional focus on service-learning projects, and developing additional partnerships with the community

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XI. Finance Committee Update			7:51 PM

A. Finance Recommendations	Vote	Adam Starling	15 m
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Committee Update

- Review 990 Tax filing (vote)
- Review Auditor proposal (vote)
- Provide general update (CD purchase, bus program, upcoming strategic planning/budgeting meeting)

XII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			8:06 PM
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A. Agenda Item Summary	FYI		5 m
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XIII. Closed Session			8:11 PM
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As noted in the Agenda or Meeting:

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		30 m
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XIV. Closing Items			8:41 PM
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A. Vote on any items from Closed Session	Vote	Catherine Lewis	5 m
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B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Catherine Lewis	