



METROLINA REGIONAL  
**SCHOLARS  
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## Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

### SA Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday November 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
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>6:30 PM</b>
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<b>A.</b> Record Attendance and Guests		Liliana Lopez	1 m
Confirm meeting recording.			
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Erica Womer	1 m

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	Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.		
<b>C.</b>	Read Mission Statement	Weiyi Ning	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.		
<b>D.</b>	Administrative Meeting Review	Erica Womer	2 m
	Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules:		
	Meetings will be broadcast to the public via the Zoom Webinar Platform. This medium is more secure as it requires attendees to register, limits interactivity, removes the ability to communicate without permission and does not permit anonymous participation, comment, or annotation. Registration will require the submission of a first and last name and an email.		
<b>E.</b>	Approval of Prior Minutes 10/23/23	Approve Minutes Liliana Lopez	2 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official approval of draft minutes</li> </ul>		
<b>F.</b>	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote Erica Womer	2 m
	Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?		
<b>II.</b>	<b>Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines</b>		<b>6:40 PM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Community Comments - guidelines	FYI	5 m
	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. At this time you may indicate your desire to participate in Community Comments by raising your hand.		
	<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</b>" <b>{Windows: Alt+Y} or {Mac: Option+Y}</b> keyboard shortcuts to raise or lower your hand.</li> </ol>		

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3. When it is your turn, a moderator will identify you by name and then grant you access to speak.			

<b>III. Director's Report</b>			<b>6:45 PM</b>
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<b>A. General Items</b>	FYI	Ari Pieper	20 m
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- Director's Report
- <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qWhd7cLom0-tf7Ka8abgDndCfnmqJRnW/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106025965819580824731&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Charter Renewal - Self-Study Submission

<b>IV. Policy Committee</b>			<b>7:05 PM</b>
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<b>A. Paid Parental Leave</b>	Discuss	Malik Dixon	5 m
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- A board of directors of a charter school may (but is not required to) provide paid parental leave. If the charter school provides parental leave, it is eligible to receive funds allocated for schools that provide this benefit. • G.S. 115C-218.90(a)
- The opt-in deadline for Paid Parental Leave is December 1, 2023. A decision should be made by the November Board meeting.
- Although any employee of the IPS is eligible to take paid parental leave, the IPS will only be eligible to be reimbursed for a daily rate of a substitute. The charter school is responsible for paying the employee's salary while they are out on paid parental leave. This rate for 2023-24 is \$115 + 7.65% social security.
- The Board may change its decision next year and will have an annual opportunity to opt in.

<b>B. Recommended Opt-In to Paid Parental Leave Act</b>	Vote	Malik Dixon	2 m
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The Policy Committee recommends opting-in to the Paid Parental Leave Act option for school year 2023-2024

<b>C. First Reads &amp; Upcoming Policy</b>	Discuss	Malik Dixon	5 m
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**• REVIEWING RECOMMENDED POLICY**

*Policy content evaluation:*

- Identify the problem/conduct/actionable goal or change that the policy targets or influences.
- What are the core components and implementation requirements of the policy?
- Does the policy articulate the mechanism for monitoring implementation?
- Does the policy identify indicators for assessing program success/problem resolution?
- How is the content of the policy similar to or different from that of other policies?

*Improving policy implementation and future policy development:*

- What is the context of the policy's development and passage?
- Is there a basis of evidence in support of the policy's strategy?
- Is there an unexpected impact of the policy?

**• Upcoming Policy:**

Parents' Bill of Rights (December Policy Compliance Goal):

- New policy for compliance with North Carolina's Act to Enumerate the Rights of Parents to Direct the Upbringing, Education, Health Care and Mental Health of their Minor Children. (SB 49)
- The recent budget passage extends the implementation of new legislation, commonly known as the Parents' Bill of Rights, to Jan. 1, 2024 from September 15, 2023.
- The statute requires that a Parent's Guide to Student Achievement is provided to parents, students, and school personnel no later than the first day of school after January 1, 2024. Based on school calendars across the state, the first day of school is in August for traditional calendars and July for year-round calendars.
- Additionally, the law stipulates (115C-76.30): *"The State Board of Education shall develop minimum requirements for public school units for a parent's guide to student achievement to provide what parents need to know about their child's educational progress and how they can help their child to succeed in school."*
- **DPI will have a webinar on Monday, December 11, 2023 @11:00 to review and release the resources to support the development of the Guide. Please use this link to join the meeting: Teams Meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

<b>V.</b>	<b>Whole Child Committee Update</b>			<b>7:17 PM</b>
	<b>A.</b> Update	FYI	Liliana Lopez	5 m
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Foundation</b>			<b>7:22 PM</b>

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<b>A.</b> Update	FYI	AJ Farooqi	5 m
<b>VII. Finance Committee</b>			<b>7:27 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Update - Financial Snapshot	Discuss	Adam Starling	15 m
<b>VIII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines</b>			<b>7:42 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Community Comments	FYI	Erica Womer	10 m
<b>IX. Closed Session</b>			<b>7:52 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Discuss confidential personnel matter	FYI	Erica Womer	30 m
<b>X. Closing Items</b>			<b>8:22 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Erica Womer	