



METROLINA REGIONAL
**SCHOLARS
ACADEMY**

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Scholars Academy Monthly Board Meetings

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Agenda

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| I. Opening Items | | | 6:30 PM |
| Opening Items | | | |
| A. Record Attendance and Guests | | Liliana Lopez | 1 m |
| Confirm meeting recording. | | | |
| 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. | | | |
| C. Read Mission Statement | | Adam Starling | 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 | | Erica Womer | 2 m |
| Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules: | | | |
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| E. Approval of Minutes of January Board Meeting - 1/22/24 | Approve Minutes | Liliana Lopez | 2 m |
| • Official approval of draft minutes | | | |
| F. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - 2/21/24 | Approve Minutes | Liliana Lopez | 5 m |
| G. Adoption of the Agenda | Vote | Erica Womer | 2 m |
| Are there any Amendments to the Agenda? | | | |
| II. | | | 6:45 PM |
| Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines | | | |
| A. 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. | | | |

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1. If you would like to **raise a hand**, click “Participants” in the lower or upper section of your **Zoom** chat.
2. In the “Participants” window select “**Raise Hand**” {Windows: **Alt+Y**} or {Mac: **Option+Y**} keyboard shortcuts to raise or lower your hand.
3. When it is your turn, a moderator will identify you by name and then grant you access to speak.

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| III. | Director's Report | | 6:50 PM |
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| A. | General Items | FYI | Ari Pieper | 20 m |
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- Director's Report
- https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ct4GBr85sjm7IPqZnYKk6vZG8wud0_rQfNjGD_9gp10/edit?usp=sharing

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| IV. | Governance Committee | | 7:10 PM |
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| A. | Executive Director Search Update | Discuss | Dominique Palmer | 10 m |
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| B. | Other Priorities | FYI | Dominique Palmer | 10 m |
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- Townhall - Proposed date April 17th at 6:30 pm
- Board members needed for next year

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| V. | Policy Committee | | 7:30 PM |
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| A. | Update | Vote | 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:

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- 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?

• **Policy Update:**

A. Recommended Edits to the 2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook:

- Excused Absences
- Excessive Absences

B. Parents' Bill of Rights:

- 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.”* March or April projected Review.

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| VI. | Educational Excellence Committee | | 7:35 PM |
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| A. | Update | FYI | Weiyi Ning | 5 m |
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- Office of Charter School - Renewal Visit on February 27, 2024

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| VII. | Foundation | | 7:40 PM |
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| A. | Update | FYI | AJ Farooqi | 5 m |
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| VIII. | FAST Committee | | 7:45 PM |
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| A. | Update | FYI | Enrique Alvarez | 5 m |
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- Security Assessment Update & Next Steps

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| IX. | Finance Committee | | 7:50 PM |
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| A. Budget Amendments | FYI | Adam Starling | 20 m |
| B. Financial Deep Dive | Discuss | Adam Starling | 20 m |
| X. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines | | | 8:30 PM |
| A. Community Comments | FYI | Erica Womer | 10 m |
| XI. Closed Session | | | 8:40 PM |
| A. Discuss confidential contract matter | Discuss | Erica Womer | 30 m |
| XII. Closing Items | | | 9:10 PM |
| A. Adjourn Meeting | Vote | Erica Womer | |