Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 25, 2024 at 6:30 PM EDT

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 Confirm meeting recording.		Liliana Lopez	1 m
B.	Call the Meeting to Order		Erica Womer	1 m

Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.

C.	Read Mission Statement		Malik Dixon	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

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E.	Approval of Minutes of January Board Meeting - 2/26/24	Approve Minutes	Liliana Lopez	2 m

• Official approval of draft minutes

F.	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote	Erica Womer	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

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.

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.

III.	**Director's Report**			**6:45 PM**
A.	General Items	Discuss	Ari Pieper	20 m

• [Director's Report](#)
• Phase Out Chinese Foreign Language Offering
• Educational Excellence to assess foreign language curriculum
• Solar Eclipse - April 8th

B.	Solar Eclipse - April 8th	Vote	Ari Pieper	2 m
IV.	**Governance Committee**			**7:07 PM**
A.	Executive Director Search Update	Discuss	Dominique Palmer	20 m
B.	Updates	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m

• Townhall - Scheduled for April 16th at 6:30 pm - Board will be in person; attendee can be in person or virtual
• Board members needed for next year

V.	**Policy Committee**			**7:37 PM**
A.	Update	Vote	Malik Dixon	5 m

• **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?

• **Policy Update**:

A. Recommended Edits to the 2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook:
• Excused Absences
• Excessive Absences
• First Read 2/26/24
• Vote 3/25/24

B. Parents' Bill of Rights:
• First Read 3/25/24.
• 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.
• NCDPI May 15,2024 Reporting Form expected to support completion prior to the end of the school year.

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VI.	**Foundation**				**7:42 PM**
	A.	Update	FYI	AJ Farooqi	5 m
VII.	**Finance Committee**				**7:47 PM**
	A.	Updates	FYI	Adam Starling	15 m
	B.	Liability Insurance Review	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
	C.	990 Tax Filing	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
	D.	Auditor Contract - R. Barr	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
		New auditor recommended for next year			
VIII.	**Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines**				**8:17 PM**
	A.	Community Comments	FYI	Erica Womer	10 m

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IX.	**Closed Session**			**8:27 PM**
A.	Discuss confidential contract and property matter	Discuss	Erica Womer	20 m
B.	Confidential personnel matter	Discuss	Erica Womer	20 m
X.	**Closing Items**			**9:07 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Erica Womer	1 m