



METROLINA REGIONAL
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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday January 27, 2025 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
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A. Record Attendance and Guests		Julie Doll	1 m

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	Confirm meeting recording.		
B.	Call the Meeting to Order Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.	Dominique Palmer	1 m
C.	Read Mission Statement 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.	Julie Doll	2 m
D.	Administrative Meeting Review 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.	Dominique Palmer	2 m
E.	Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting - 11-25-24	Approve Minutes Julie Doll	2 m
F.	Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting - 12-13-24	Approve Minutes Julie Doll	2 m
	• Official approval of draft minutes for open and closed meeting minutes		
G.	Adoption of the Agenda Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?	Vote Dominique Palmer	2 m
II.	Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines		6:42 PM
A.	Community Comments - guidelines The public is welcome to speak; limited to three minutes per speaker. Topics should not cover private, confidential or personal information.	FYI	5 m

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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		6:47 PM
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| A. | General Report | Discuss | Chad Carper | 15 m |
| B. | Vote on 2025 -2026 School Academic Calendar | Vote | Enrique Alvarez | |

IV.	Governance Committee		7:02 PM
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| A. | Charter Renewal Received | FYI | Enrique Alvarez | 2 m |
| 10-year Renewal approval received on January 14, 2025 | | | | |
| B. | ED Evaluation | FYI | Enrique Alvarez | 1 m |

- Survey was issued last month to staff, we have collected the information and are analyzing the results

V.	Policy Committee		7:05 PM
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| A. | Video Surveillance Policy - Approve | Vote | Malik Dixon | 10 m |
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1. Our school will benefit from having a policy outlining the appropriate use video surveillance in our school within the boundaries of Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA).
2. Committee has prepared a policy that is ready for Approval.

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| B. | TITLE IX | | 2 m |
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| C. | ICE/Immigration Legal Alert | FYI | Malik Dixon | 2 m |
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<p>The Trump Administration rescinded a 2021 memo by DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas that designated schools, as well as other community services as “protected areas.” This 2021 rule stated that to the extent possible, ICE agents should not carry out any enforcement activities in these locations. Accordingly, counsel has recommended the SA Develop a protocol or policy for how to deal with ICE enforcement and ensure all staff know what to do under these circumstances.</p>			

VI. Foundation			7:19 PM
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A. Update	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m
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VII. FAST Committee			7:24 PM
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A. Monthly updates	FYI	Dominique Palmer	5 m
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- Last meeting was on December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm

VIII. Educational Excellence Committee			7:29 PM
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A. Curriculum Updates	FYI	Liliana Lopez	10 m
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- The Middle School Computer Science Program is under review to comply with new state requirements. The target completion is March 2025 for the 2025 - 2026 school year
 - For reference, the requirement is found here: [Computer Science Graduation Requirement | NC DPI](#)
- Social Studies and Science Curriculum Update
 - Ms. Z led vertical planning the week of Nov. 18th

B. Media Policy Update	FYI	Liliana Lopez	5 m
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- The committee is reviewing sample policies before drafting proposed changes.
- The draft will be sent to the Policy Committee in January for their review.
- The goal is to share with the board in February for the first read to the Board

C. Parent Survey	FYI	Liliana Lopez	5 m
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- The Educational Excellence Committee will lead the Parent Survey development and launch in mid to late January.
- The survey will include questions about foreign language options and incorporate questions from the Whole Child and FAST committees.
- The Survey Draft will be sent to the Board for feedback

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IX. Finance Committee			7:49 PM
A. Financial Updates	Discuss	Adam Starling	10 m
1. Finance Committee updates			
2. Discuss personnel matters in closed session			
B. Vote on Proposed Budget Amendments as presented by the Finance Committee	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
C. Vote on the Purchase of a New \$250,000 CD	Vote		5 m
X. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			8:09 PM
A. Community Comments	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
XI. Closing Items			8:19 PM
A. Closed Personnel Matters	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dominique Palmer	1 m