



Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM EST

Location

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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	Dominique Palmer	1 m
	Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.		
C.	Read Mission Statement	Enrique Alvarez	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	Dominique Palmer	2 m
	Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules:		
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E.	Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting - 1/27/25	Approve Minutes Julie Doll	2 m
	• Official approval of draft minutes for open and closed meeting minutes		
F.	Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting - 2/3/25	Approve Minutes Julie Doll	2 m
	• Official approval of draft minutes for open and closed meeting minutes		
G.	Adoption of the Agenda	Vote Dominique Palmer	2 m
	Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?		

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines 6:42 PM

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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. 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.	FYI		5 m
III. Director's Report			6:47 PM
A. General Report	Discuss	Chad Carper	15 m
IV. Governance Committee			7:02 PM
A. Charter Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reviewed the status of our compliance reporting to Office of Charter Schools and We are up to date with all of our items. • There are 3 pending submissions that are coming up (Parents Bill of Rights collection, school mental health plan, and school safety plan) 	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
B. Townhall in April	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As done last year and the year before that Board will be hosting a virtual and in person townhall. Dates will likely be in April 2025 but still TBD. 			
V. DEI			7:04 PM
A. Community Engagement - Guest Speaker Initiative: - Low parent participation reported.	FYI	Daniela Tijerina	2 m

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestions: Continue promotion in the newsletter and use social media. - Discussion on tracking success and considering Career Day for next year. 		
	-PTO and Staff Collaboration - Plan to attend the next PTO and Staff DEI meetings (March 20, 2024).		

VI. Policy Committee	7:06 PM
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A.	TITLE IX - Revert to 2020 as required by Law	Vote	Malik Dixon	5 m
<p>The Biden administration's Title IX rules were struck down in court January, 2025. Consequently, SA must revert to the previously approved 2020 policy because the 2024 policy is no longer applicable.</p> <p>Three changes are required to implement the change:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personnel changes; 2. The 2020 Title IX policy must be posted to the website; 3. A training manual must be provided to the staff. <p>The committee is proposing a vote to reinstate the previously amended and approved 2020 Title IX policy.</p>				
B.	Responding to Law Enforcement Activities on School Grounds	Vote	Malik Dixon	5 m

- The Trump Administration rescinded a 2021 DHS memo that designated schools and other community services as “protected areas.” This 2021 rule stated that ICE agents should avoid enforcement activities in these locations whenever possible. Consequently, counsel has recommended that the SA develop a protocol or policy to address ICE enforcement and ensure all staff are informed of the appropriate actions to take.
- The Policy Committee suggests its adoption as soon as possible to ensure, among other protections, that student records are safeguarded against legal enforcement actions, especially given the evolving immigration landscape.
- The Policy Committee recommends a vote on the proposed policy, which was first communicated by email for First Read to the Board on February 1, 2024.
- The Procedures are included in the agenda as supplemental material.

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VII. Foundation			7:16 PM
A. Update	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	5 m
VIII. Finance Committee			7:21 PM
A. Financial Updates Finance Committee updates	Discuss	Adam Starling	10 m
B. Vote on New Audit Contract as presented by the Finance Committee	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
C. Vote on New Accounting Services Provider as presented by the Finance Committee	Vote	Adam Starling	5 m
IX. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:41 PM
A. Community Comments	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
X. Closing Items			7:51 PM
A. Closed Personnel Matters	FYI	Dominique Palmer	10 m
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dominique Palmer	1 m