



Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session)

Date and Time

Monday October 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM EDT

Location

Our monthly meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Future dates are posted on the school's calendar and the Board Public Portal. The minutes for prior meetings and audio recordings of the meetings are posted on the Board Public Portal.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Enrique Alvarez	1 m
Confirm meeting recording.			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Xihui Dong	1 m
Do we have a quorum? Welcome to the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy Board Meeting.			

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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.		Beth Gutt	1 m
D. Administrative Meeting Review Zoom Webinar Etiquette/Rules: Meetings will be broadcast to the public via the Zoom Webinar Platform. This medium is a secure forum for engagement 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.		Enrique Alvarez	1 m
E. Adoption of the Agenda Are there any Amendments to the Agenda?	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
F. Monthly Board Meeting Minus Approval Vote to approve the Monthly Board Meeting minutes for Open and Closed Sessions that took place September 28, 2026. Approve minutes for SA Monthly Board Meeting (Open Session) on September 28, 2026	Approve Minutes	Xihui Dong	1 m
II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines			6:36 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. 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 using the controls in the Zoom application or browser. When it is your turn, a moderator will identify you by name and then grant you access to speak.	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
III. Directors Report			6:37 PM

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A. Director's Report	FYI	Jessica Cuneo	5 m

- Beginning Teacher Support Plan
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IBX85iHFOu_OCUCYjTri1LW0SCMGrXmVyYW847u95Vg/edit?usp=sharing-BTSP
- 2025-2026 iReady Scores Final
- Teacher Evaluation Plan
 - Mrs. Delp and Mr. Small are conducting teacher evaluations. We are using the North

Carolina teacher evaluation rubrics:

- <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/wp-content/uploads/Teacher-Certification-Rubric-for-Evaluating-NC-Teachers.pdf>
- Teachers fall into one of three categories:
 - Comprehensive: (4): 3 formal by principal and 1 formal by peer-Beginning teachers (within first 3 years), teachers new to SA
 - Standard: (3): 1 formal by principal; 2 abbreviated by principal-Teachers in their renewal year
 - Abbreviated: (2) 2 observations using only standards 1 and 4-Experienced teachers (4+ years), teachers who have been at SA for at least 1 year

IV. Governance Committee 6:42 PM

A. Monthly Update	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
Board Committee focused on discussing personnel matters, which we will cover in a closed meeting.			
B. Board Recruitment	FYI	Enrique Alvarez	1 m

- Board Director Nomination for vote for starting 2026-2029 Term
- We have 3 board members rolling off at the end of this year, please provide nominations
- [Board Nomination Website](#)
- [Board Nomination Form](#)

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V. Finance Committee			6:44 PM
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A. Financial Updates	Discuss	Liliana Lopez	5 m
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- Budget Amendments - Vote
- September Financial Statements
- School Account Balances as of 10/26 - Total \$2.812M
 - Checking \$576K
 - Money Market \$694K
 - CDs \$1.542M

B. Budget Amendments	Vote	Liliana Lopez	5 m
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Vote on the budget amendments as proposed by the Treasurer and Finance Committee.

VI. Educational Excellence Committee			6:54 PM
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A. Bi-Monthly Update	FYI	Beth Gutt	5 m
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- Digital Literacy
- ELA
- Health
- Science
- Critical Thinking
- Math
- Gifted Program for Teachers S.A.G.E
- Spanish
- General Communication

VII. Whole Child Committee			6:59 PM
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A. Bi - Monthly Update	FYI	Xihui Dong	4 m
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The committee was updated on the school's Whole Child Committee goals:

- working on SOAR awards and positive behavior recognition
- Firming up the SEL curriculum for K-8
- Board Whole Child Committee Tasks:

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- Coordinate parent volunteers and participation for Scholar's Gifted Conference (Kim will work on)
- Coordinate a lunch and learn–parent virtual discussion and support event
- Kim and Dr. Cuneo will coordinate. Please send input on topics to discuss and let us know if you would be willing to serve as a speaker / discussion leader.

Next meeting: Dec. 7th at drop-off.

VIII. FAST	7:03 PM
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A. Monthly Update	FYI	Dominique Palmer	5 m
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- Still targeting 2-4 years for HVAC & Roof Replacement. Working with Foundation to determine process.
- Working on creating a survey to gather information about the bus transportation system. We will welcome any other parents' feedback.
- We are supposed to meet on Thursday morning, but it may be adjusted or rescheduled based on the virtual learning day.

IX. Policy Committee	7:08 PM
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A. Second Read Parent's Bill of Rights	Discuss	Daniela Tijerina	5 m
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- State and Federal requirement to publish parent's bill of rights
- First read to the board as the committee continues to work on revisions and open follow up questions

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HTOTdgWyoJcXNJP-A_0tZQnTihdjKD45/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101052500018425717483&rtpof=true&sd=true

B. On Going New Policy and Revisions to Current Policies	FYI	Daniela Tijerina	5 m
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1. Grievance policy - reviewed against NC ejemplar and working on further alignment on student handbook.
2. Title VI - committee reviewed and aligned; no update is needed as per current Non-Title IX grievances.
3. Updated Code of Conduct – to be revised with more specific provisions addressing students with disabilities (EC students).
4. **Policy on Curriculum, Textbooks, Supplementary Materials and Library Materials**

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5. Do not resuscitate & CERP plan - merge with current policy on first aid 6. New state requirement — Cardiac Emergency Response Plan 7. Books and records - referral from Finance Committee to assess retention periods.			
X. FOUNDATION			7:18 PM
A. Monthly Update	Discuss	Liliana Lopez	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of Oct 21st, \$43,755 funds raised for the year and \$58,212 in pledges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ October of last year \$20,839 • Volunteer Leadership and Board is at 55% • Total assets in the foundation are \$1,003,911 of which \$250K is invested in 6 mo CD 			
XI. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines			7:20 PM
A. Community Comments			5 m
XII. Closed Session			7:25 PM
A. Vote to go into Closed Session	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss student matters x2 • Discuss personnel matters x1 			
XIII. Closing Items			7:26 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Enrique Alvarez	1 m