APPROVED

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday August 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Location
Scholars Board Room

Directors Present
A. Gozycki, J. Wagler, M. Mittal, M. Scruggs, R. Watson, S. Liner

Directors Absent
S. Scott

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

School Director: J. Cuneo
Guests Present: T. Hemming, AJ Farooqi

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Watson called a meeting of the board of directors of Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to order on Monday Aug 28, 2017 at 6:36 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

M. Scruggs read mission statement

D.

Approval of Prior Minutes

M. Scruggs motioned to approve minutes, J. Wagler seconded, all approved

E. Adoption of the Agenda

Section F: Secretary Assignment was added
J. Cuneo forwarded (2) rental contracts, also recommended adding admissions process to Sept. agenda slate
M. Scruggs motioned to adopt agenda, J. Wagler seconded, all approved

F. Election of Secretary and Committee Assignments

J. Wagler moved to elect A. Gozycki as secretary.
M. Mittal seconded, board voted unanimously to approve election.

Committee Layout
Each board member will serve as chair of a committee, with a secondary role on another committee. R. Watson is an ex-officio member of all committees.
Diversity
M. Scruggs, chair
S. Liner
Development
J. Wagler, chair
S. Scott
Finance
M. Mittal, chair
J. Wagler
Strategic Planning
S. Scott, chair
A. Gozycki
Policy
S. Liner, chair
M. Scruggs
Educational Excellence
A. Gozycki, chair
M. Mittal

II. Community Comments (First Opportunity) - subject to guidelines

A. Community Comments - guidelines

Via Conference Line:
Unnamed parent with (2) children at the school asked for more information to be shared with the parent community around the K-2 teaching assistant changes for 2017-18.

Comments from Second Round of Community Comments (Part VI - included here as cannot edit in that section)

In Person:

A. Farooqi stated that communication will be key around school expansion, urging community involvement and careful consideration.

Via Conference Line:

K. Wheeler, PTO President, asked for more deliberation around the weighted lottery/SES, particularly around lunch programs as this is currently PTO run. She also advised that the board consider sports teams use of the facility when discussing expansion plans.

III. Director's Report

A. General Items

J. Cuneo gave Directors Report

- Shared presentation on SEL results from 2016-2017 and plans for 2017-2018 (will be made available for the community)
- Shared 2017-2018 S.P.I.T. plans and requested feedback from the Board on objectives within the next (2) weeks (Action Item: Sept. 8th)
- Requested vote on UHC and Janitorial contracts - after discussion, J. Wagler made motion to approve both janitorial contract (as outlined on 8/15) and UHC , S. Liner seconded motion. Board voted unanimously to approve contracts, 7:15pm.
- Requested an increase to the budget for capital purchase of K desks (est. $1200). M. Scruggs moved to approve amendment to budget, J. Wagler seconded, all voted unanimously to approve 7:25pm.
- Requested Board approval of facility rental contracts. M. Scruggs moved to approve, J. Wagler seconded, board voted unanimously to approve rental contracts at 7:30pm.
- Also reviewed Enrollment report and requested Admissions Policy review at our next meeting.

IV. Development Committee

A. Annual Giving Campaign Plans

J. Wagler / T. Hemming.

- T. Hemming provided statistics on 2016-2017 campaign that is officially closed with a total of $567,000. Indicated 2017-2018 to roll out in October with target decreased to $515,000 (due to paying off second loan.)
- J. Wagler explained committee plans for the current year.

V. Governance Committee

A.

Discuss Town Hall timing

Board agreed to Town Hall timing:
Oct 23rd 5pm (prior to board meeting, one hour), in music room

B. Review Board Calendar

Reviewed board calendar for agenda

C. Discuss Agenda for Next Meeting

- Initial agenda items were set for the next meeting, to be refined and finalized one week prior to meeting.

D. Discuss Expansion Options and Plans

- R. Watson presented overview of potential capital expansion plans
- J. Cuneo added comments as to the importance of the idea for the students, specifically:
    - Much of this borne out of limited scheduling options for electives, differentiation and leveling in the middle school grades
        - Even one more class per grade adds a variety of scheduling options
    - Expansion also adds social/emotional element with more peers, helps to further ready kids for high school
    - Opportunity to serve more gifted kids in the Charlotte area
    - Cons = limitations on green space remain, (2) separate buildings
    - Need to consider and plan for unforeseen growing pains through process
    - Tight timeline, account for planning time while staff focused on 2017-18
- Building availability is a factor in timing - no guarantee of how long these buildings will be available.
- Board opted to move forward with informing community at large this week, forming committee to further analyze expansion plans.

VI. Closed Session

A. Motion to convene in Closed Session (if needed)

Not necessary

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Mittal
Seconded by J. Wagler, the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.