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METROLINA REGIONAL  
**SCHOLARS**  
**ACADEMY**

## Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

### Minutes

#### August Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday August 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

Scholars Board Room

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**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

S. Scott

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**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.