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METROLINA REGIONAL  
**SCHOLARS  
ACADEMY**

## Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

### Minutes

#### Monthly Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday March 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM

**Location**

Scholars Academy

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**Directors Present**

A. Gozycki, J. Wagler, M. Dixon, M. Mittal, M. Ramasamy, M. Scruggs, R. Watson, S. Korrapati, S. Liner, S. Scott

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

A. Pieper

**Non Voting Members Present**

A. Pieper

**Guests Present**

S. Tam, T. Hemming

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**I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

### **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 Mar 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

R. Watson reminded everyone that the board is audio recording each meeting.

### **C. Read Mission Statement**

R. Watson read the mission statement.

### **D. Approval of Prior Minutes**

M. Scruggs made a motion to approve minutes from the Monthly Board Meeting on 02-25-19 Monthly Board Meeting on 02-25-19.

J. Wagler seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **E. Adoption of the Agenda**

J. Wagler mentioned that a member of the Expansion Committee will be joining the board in closed session for expansion discussion

M. Scruggs made a motion to approve the agenda.

J. Wagler seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

### **A. Community Comments - guidelines**

No comments in room or on phone in the first or second rounds of community comments.

## **III. Director's Report**

### **A. General Items**

A. Pieper presented the Director's Report:

#### **Student Enrollment and Performance:**

- Admissions Data for 2019-2020
  - A. Pieper shared data with the board from last 3 years
    - Group test participants doubled this year
      - Can't be sure of the exact cause, but we did do more open houses, more people came out to hear about it and heard about the group test

- Hoping that outreach from Diversity also helped move the needle
- Families can submit both the group test and a private IQ test, but there isn't usually overlap, maybe a handful do both (in this case, the IQ test is referenced)
- Almost all new student enrollment paperwork has been received
- iReady Spring testing scheduled for May
- EOC, EOGs schedule set - need to fall within the last 10 days of school
  - This year will feature computer based assessments for 5th-8th, these offer immediate results
  - Continuing with paper/pencil for 3rd/4th
- Intent to Return forms for current students - week of April 8th

### **Teachers and Staff**

- Intent to Return for Staff due 4/1
- Recruitment/interviewing for positions in progress
  - sent 2 staff members to App State for recruitment last Friday
- UNCC Field Studies - student teaching
  - via. Dr. Gilson at UNCC, 10 hours of observation for two student teachers to watch and learn in the classroom)
- Gifted Certification update:
  - 5 staff members have passed the Praxis, newly certified
  - Total for staff (teachers plus admin): 20 of 32 staff members are certified
  - 7 more potentially certified this year
  - Remaining 5 aiming for 2020 completion

### **Governance, Financial, and Strategic Planning**

- Budget planning in process for next year in Finance committee
- Modular classroom proposals for discussion in closed session, time sensitive

### **Upcoming Events/Other Items**

- Gifted Conference update
  - 32 people registered, 50 people total including staff attendees
- Field Days moved to end of May
  - 5/30 for 5th-8th graders, 5/31 for K-4th t
- New Scholars Day will be split into two days: May 3rd for new 1st-8th families, K only on May 7th (am/pm)

## **IV. Finance Committee**

### **A.**

## **Refi Discussion**

M. Mittal gave Finance updates:

- Finance Committee is currently working on next year's budget
  - Will be ready to begin reviewing priorities with the board in in April, and will discuss further in May for additional changes
    - June discussion will mainly be for true ups as most of the budget is set at that time
  - Tax returns can be shared next month

## **V. Governance Committee**

### **A. Updates**

S. Liner presented Governance updates:

- Board Recruitment ran in last two newsletters, no applications yet
  - M. Mittal shared that usually the applications come in during the month of May
- R. Watson asked board to help spread the word as well to those they feel would be a good fit

## **VI. Expansion Committee**

### **A. Expansion Updates**

S. Korrapati gave Expansion update:

- Given challenges with current grounds/buildings, committee is looking at alternatives and considering moving locations
- Board will discuss further in closed session
- Planning to schedule a meeting with the full expansion committee soon, community meeting/update to follow after that

### **B. Foundation Update**

M. Ramasamy presented Foundation updates:

- Tax ID has been created
- Committee is working on by-laws and 501c3 application
- Goal is to wrap up the application and consult with a non-profit lawyer to review before submitting

## **VII. Closed Session (if necessary)**

### **A. Closed Session**

A staff member and a committee member were invited into closed session for expansion discussion.

J. Wagler made a motion to convene in Closed Session pursuant to "Permitted Purposes" under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11: (e) To discuss contract negotiations.

M. Dixon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Vote on any items from Closed Sessions**

No vote necessary.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Scruggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Dixon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Gozycki