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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday June 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location
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Directors Present
A. Farooqi (remote), A. Hall (remote), A. Starling (remote), C. Lewis (remote), D. Palmer (remote), E. Womer (remote), N. Morrison (remote), S. Dasu (remote)

Directors Absent
M. Pfaff, W. Ning

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Palmer

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Lewis called a meeting of the board of directors of Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to order on Monday Jun 26, 2023 at 6:33 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

D. Administrative Meeting Review

E. Approval of Prior Minutes 5/22/23

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the minutes from SA Monthly Board Meeting on 05-22-23.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dasu	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
N. Morrison	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye
A. Starling	Aye
A. Hall	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
D. Palmer	Absent
A. Farooqi	Aye
W. Ning	Absent

F. Adoption of the Agenda

S. Dasu made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Farooqi	Aye
W. Ning	Absent
D. Palmer	Absent
A. Hall	Aye
S. Dasu	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
C. Lewis	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
A. Starling	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye

II. Director's Report

A. General Items

General Items (5:01)

- Director's Report - this month, the report will provide an overview of summer projects to be completed to prepare for the new school year
    - Transportation Program
        - Bus A - 45 families (57 students,12 new) All students placed
        - Bus B - 51 families (67 students, 9 new) All students placed
        - Bus C - 51 families (71 students, 7 new) 2 families on waitlist
            - Eliminated one-stop
    - Summer Camps
        - Scholars Camp (3rd year) - new raising first to 5th graders (40 kids, 15 new kids)
            - no cost to new families and students who have been invited to attend
            - week of July 10th
        - Breakerspace Camp - raising first to 5th graders (40 kids registered)
            - week of July 17th
- Several contract approvals including renewals for technology support and 3rd-party HR services, a new contract for cleaning services, and a revised AT&T contract for internet services (VOTE)
- Several employment contracts for closed (VOTE)

III. Governance Committee

A. Status Review

(23:31)

- Provide updates on the ED evaluation process, board assessment process, and strategic planning tasks
- Acknowledge Board members rolling off the Board at the end of the month
    - Dasu
    - Natesha
    - Catherine
- Select date(s) for the annual Board summer retreat
- Determine officer roles for next year (VOTE)
    - Erica - Chair
    - Dominique - Vice Chair

- Treasurer - Adam interim, Mike
- Secretary - TBD

• Present 2023-24 Board candidates to the Board (VOTE)

IV. Policy Committee Updates

A. Policy Updates

(30:16)

• first read of the revised paid-time off policy
• First read and **vote** on Tuition & Fees Policy

Policies adopted so far this year: gift policy (revised), staff teleworking (revised), and religious holiday (new)

V. Expansion Committee

A. Status Review

(41:28)
Scholars Academy will remain in our current facility for the 2023-24 school year. We are assessing ways to grow in our current location.

VI. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Updates

A. Status Review

(43:56)
No meeting in June
DEI brought in a musician for June SEL
Plans to work with an artist for a mural in the next school year

VII. Educational Excellence Committee Updates

A. Status Review

(45:14)
No meeting in June
Reviewed strategic initiatives that were completed this year and tasks for next year at last meeting

VIII. Whole Child Committee

A. Status Review

(45:45)

Focused on the playground installation in the summer

IX. Foundation

A. Status Review

(46:05)

- $427, 212 YTD donations received compared to $493,374 last year
- Additional $43,000+ donations pending
- Participation rates (75% overall for this school year; 84% in the prior year)
    - 91% of new families donated (81% last year)
    - 73% of returning families (a decline from 85% last year)
- ~$60,000 transportation fund collections

X. Finance Committee Update

A. Finance Recommendations

(54:46)

- Review and vote on current-year budget amendments, including the following:
    - funds to paint the school interior
    - cancel final funds transfer from the Foundation given the school received the first 4 of 6 checks from the federal Employee Retention Credit program (~ $750K refund to be reflected in 2022-23 operating budget)
- Review and vote on any 2023-24 budget amendments
- On-site audit will be mid-July

XI. Closed Session #1

A. Closed Session

A. Starling made a motion to go into closed session.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Starling	Aye
S. Dasu	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
D. Palmer	Absent
N. Morrison	Aye
W. Ning	Absent
M. Pfaff	Absent
A. Farooqi	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye

Roll Call

A. Hall	Aye

D. Palmer arrived.

XII. Closing Items

A. Vote on any items from Closed Session

E. Womer made a motion to approve 3 new board members as presented by the Governance Committee.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Ning	Absent
A. Hall	Aye
A. Starling	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
C. Lewis	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
A. Farooqi	Aye
S. Dasu	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye
D. Palmer	Aye

N. Morrison made a motion to approve Erica Womer as board chair and Dominique Palmer as vice chair for the next school year.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Dasu	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
A. Starling	Aye
D. Palmer	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye
A. Hall	Aye
W. Ning	Absent
A. Farooqi	Aye

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the Student Tuition and Fees policy as presented by the Policy Committee.
D. Palmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
S. Dasu made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2022-2023 budget as presented by the Finance Committee.
N. Morrison seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

W. Ning	Absent
D. Palmer	Aye
A. Starling	Aye
A. Farooqi	Aye
A. Hall	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
S. Dasu	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2023-2024 budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

N. Morrison seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Pfaff	Absent
S. Dasu	Aye
A. Farooqi	Aye
A. Starling	Aye
A. Hall	Aye
E. Womer	Aye
C. Lewis	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye
W. Ning	Absent
D. Palmer	Aye

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the AT&T contract conditional on the contract meeting the E911 requirements.

N. Morrison seconded the motion.

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

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the cleaning contract conditional on adding the indemnification clause.

D. Palmer seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Starling	Aye
M. Pfaff	Absent
A. Farooqi	Aye
S. Dasu	Aye
A. Hall	Aye
N. Morrison	Aye
W. Ning	Absent
E. Womer	Aye

Roll Call

D. Palmer Aye
C. Lewis Aye

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the 6-month renewal of the Alt HR contract.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Lewis Aye
A. Farooqi Aye
A. Starling Aye
D. Palmer Aye
M. Pfaff Absent
E. Womer Aye
W. Ning Absent
A. Hall Aye
N. Morrison Aye
S. Dasu Aye

S. Dasu made a motion to approve the renewal of the Superlative Club contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
D. Palmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
S. Dasu made a motion to approve the first-grade and fifth-grade employment contracts.
D. Palmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Palmer