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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday November 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location
You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
Topic: Scholars Academy Monthly Board Meetings
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Directors Present
A. Farooqi, A. Hall, A. Starling, D. Palmer, E. Alvarez, E. Womer, L. Lopez (remote), M. Dixon, W. Ning

Directors Absent
None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

E. Womer called a meeting of the board of directors of Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy to order on Monday Nov 27, 2023 at 6:32 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

Weiyi Ning read the Mission Statement

D. Administrative Meeting Review

E. Approval of Prior Minutes 10/23/23

E. Alvarez made a motion to approve the minutes from SA Monthly Board Meeting on 10-23-23.
A. Farooqi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Starling made a motion to approve the agenda.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Director's Report

A. General Items

1. Charter Renewal - to be submitted by Nov 30th, 2023
2. Security evaluation (Nov 16th) on site. He interviewed front desk, bus drivers, and other staffs. Anticipating a full report for FAST committee.
3. Open house tours - have parents over on a school day, led by student leadership team
4. Staff evaluation and licensure
5. To be discussed:
    1. paid parental leave
    2. 2 potential hires

III. Policy Committee

A. Paid Parental Leave

Malik went over the two documents regarding supplemental information

- A board of directors of a charter school may (but is not required to) provide paid parental leave. If the charter school provides parental leave, it is eligible to receive funds allocated for schools that provide this benefit. • G.S. 115C-218.90(a)

- The opt-in deadline for Paid Parental Leave is December 1, 2023. A decision should be made by the November Board meeting.
- Although any employee of the IPS is eligible to take paid parental leave, the IPS will only be eligible to be reimbursed for a daily rate of a substitute. The charter school is responsible for paying the employee's salary while they are out on paid parental leave. This rate for 2023-24 is $115 + 7.65% social security.
- The Board may change its decision next year and will have an annual opportunity to opt in.

B. Recommended Opt-In to Paid Parental Leave Act

The Policy Committee recommends opting-in to the Paid Parental Leave Act option for school year 2023-2024
D. Palmer made a motion to Opt-In to Paid Parental Leave Act.
W. Ning seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. First Reads & Upcoming Policy

Introduced first read.
State board of education requires website compliance:

1. Parental guide to student achievement
2. Procedures to request those 12 items.

REVIEWING RECOMMENDED POLICY
Policy content evaluation:
• Identify the problem/conduct/actionable goal or change that the policy targets or influences.
• What are the core components and implementation requirements of the policy?
• Does the policy articulate the mechanism for monitoring implementation?
• Does the policy identify indicators for assessing program success/problem resolution?
• How is the content of the policy similar to or different from that of other policies?

Improving policy implementation and future policy development:
• What is the context of the policy's development and passage?
• Is there a basis of evidence in support of the policy's strategy?
• Is there an unexpected impact of the policy?

Upcoming Policy:
Parents' Bill of Rights (December Policy Compliance Goal):
• New policy for compliance with North Carolina's Act to Enumerate the Rights of Parents to Direct the Upbringing, Education, Health Care and Mental Health of their Minor Children. (SB 49)
• The recent budget passage extends the implementation of new legislation, commonly known as the Parents' Bill of Rights, to Jan. 1, 2024 from September 15, 2023.

• The statute requires that a Parent's Guide to Student Achievement is provided to parents, students, and school personnel no later than the first day of school after January 1, 2024. Based on school calendars across the state, the first day of school is in August for traditional calendars and July for year-round calendars.
• Additionally, the law stipulates (115C-76.30): *"The State Board of Education shall develop minimum requirements for public school units for a parent's guide to student achievement to provide what parents need to know about their child's educational progress and how they can help their child to succeed in school."*

• **DPI will have a webinar on Monday, December 11, 2023 @11:00 to review and release the resources to support the development of the Guide. Please use this link to join the meeting: Teams Meeting** Click here to join the meeting

IV. Whole Child Committee Update

A. Update

• SEL Parent guide (Curriculum Objectives) updated
• SOAR recognition has started; explanation in parents newsletter
• SOAR is also being implemented among the staff
• Community service project in planning process - Servants of the heart
• Started a calendar of all SEL events, parent seminars, PTO events, recruiting events to ensure Board participation
• School events will be posted in Signup Genius and circulated with the Board

V. Foundation

A. Update

1. Annual Giving Campaign status
2023-24 (current year to date)
Received $64,000
Pledged $249,000
TOTAL $313,000
Overall SA family participation to date **61% of 299 families (returning @ 60% and new @ 66%)**

2022-23 (last year this time)
Received $121,000
Pledged $180,000
TOTAL $301,000
Overall SA family participation to date **64% of 280 families (returning @ 63% and new @ 78%)**

2. Parent Ambassador Outreach (now through January)
T**his marks the 15th year of the Parent Ambassador program!!** Special thanks to all our new and returning parent ambassadors!!

VI. Finance Committee

A. Update - Financial Snapshot

No budget amendment.

Adam shared Quarterly financial snapshot.

Refer to attachment "Finance Dashboard -Sept 2023.pdf"
Reviewed current Budget vs. Filed. Discussed major differences.

VII. Community Comments (Second Opportunity) - Subject to Guidelines

A. Community Comments

No comments

VIII. 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 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Lopez

Documents used during the meeting

- PPL_FAQ_Draft procedures-11.3.23.pdf
- PPL_excerpt_102323_EDReport.pdf
- Letter to MRSA Board of Directors_Redacted.pdf
- sb49_compliance_section_6.pdf
- Finance Dashboard - Sept 2023.pdf