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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday January 22, 2024 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, 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 Jan 22, 2024 at 6:32 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

A. Starling read the mission statement

D. Administrative Meeting Review

E. Approval of Prior Minutes 12/11/23

A. Farooqi made a motion to approve the minutes from SA Monthly Board Meeting on 12-11-23.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Adoption of the Agenda

M. Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda.
D. Palmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

A. Community Comments - guidelines

No community comments

III. Director's Report

A. General Items

- Staff Report
  - Mid-year staff meetings
  - Personnel update for closed session
- Admissions update
  - Group test date #1 was on Saturday - approximately 130 students tested
  - Charter school fair - This Saturday at Great Wolf Lodge
  - Group test date #2 on February 3rd - 100 registered to test
- Compliance Visits
  - ESSER/GEER monitoring - February 14th
  - Charter Renewal OCS visit - February 27th
  - USED consultant visit - March 14th

Monthly Board Report Topics - monthly topics to inform the board and community about the various programs and operations within the school

- 2024-2025 Calendar - attached to agenda
- Gifted Conference - February 20th - outside attendees will also join (46 teachers/staff registered from outside)

D. Palmer made a motion to approve 2024-2025 school calendar.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Governance Committee

A. Executive Director Search Survey Results

- Executive Director's Survey 154, 40% family participation - Survey closed on 1/22 and next steps is to review results and share with Board
- Next: Fine tuning job description, target job posting in two weeks

E. Alvarez made a motion to approve personnel contract as disclosed in closed meeting.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Update

Executive Board roles for 2024-2025 - communicate who is staying/rolling off

V. Policy Committee

A. Update

Updated policies will be in website in February
Parental Leave policy was applied retroactively and staff that was on leave in 2023 was able to receive reimbursement.

VI. Educational Excellence Committee

A. Update

- Visit 2/27 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM for Charter Renewal; All board members should attend
- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM meeting with Board
- Erica will share sample questions from our consultant to prepare for questions
- 48 parents should be in Parent Group - no sample questions are currently available

VII. Foundation

A.

Update

- As of 1/17, Total Annual Giving donations and pledges are $420K compared to $372K last year
- 2023-2024 Pledges are higher ($204K vs. $151K last year)
- Overall 76% participation this year vs. 78% last year
- Bus funds $23K received (51% of annual donation goal of $45,000) plus $150 pledge; overtime the goal would be to reduce the ask for bus funds; consideration for future dedicated role for bus management - need to add to budget and priorities

VIII. Finance Committee

A. Update

- Contract with Acadia is up for renewal. Currently, looking for proposals from other providers as we've had some issues with Acadia
- CDs for $250K would like to extend the term of the ones maturing in end of January and end of February. Extend for 6 month to lock in interest rate at 5%. Not anticipating need to spend these funds in 6 months. Will still have other CDs coming up for maturity in April, May, June. Sufficient operating funds available if there was a liquidity need.
- Bus that was in accident was repaired and back in route

IX. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee

A. Update

- December meeting to create a mural in the Summer 2024; Ms. Norris, our Art Teacher, will be the one doing the mural

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

A. Community Comments

No community comments

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Farooqi made a motion to close the meeting.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Lopez

Documents used during the meeting

- 2024-2025 Calendar DRAFT.pdf