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Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

Minutes

SA Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday December 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location
Hi there,
You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Dec 11, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Scholars Academy Monthly Board Meetings
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Scholars Academy December Board Meeting - Zoom Webinar Registration

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Directors Present
A. Farooqi (remote), A. Hall (remote), A. Starling (remote), D. Palmer (remote), E. Alvarez (remote), E. Womer (remote), L. Lopez (remote), M. Dixon (remote), W. Ning (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Farooqi, A. Starling

Ex Officio Members Present
A. Pieper (remote)

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 Dec 11, 2023 at 6:33 PM.

C. Read Mission Statement

E. Womer read the Mission Statement.

D. Administrative Meeting Review

E. Womer read the meeting instructions.

E. Approval of Prior Minutes 10/23/23

E. Alvarez made a motion to approve the minutes from SA Monthly Board Meeting on 11-27-23.
M. Dixon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Adoption of the Agenda

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

A. Community Comments - guidelines

No community comments

III. Director's Report

A. Updates

- January 27th Open House at Great Wolf Lodge. Event with other schools. A booth was provided to SA.
- Discussed reasons for resignation of Executive Director are due to needing something different and that experience at SA has been excellent.

IV. Policy Committee

A.

Final Read - Parents' Bill of Rights (SB49)

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 policy is presented December 11, 2023 for a final vote after a November 27, 2023 first read.
• The SA administration, Governance committee, and Policy committee will work on procedures to address the logistical implications raised by the adoption of these policies.
• 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. DPI interprets the completion date as the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.
• Additionally, the law (SB49) 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."*
• The NC Department of Education adopted a Parent's Guide to Student Achievement policy on December 7, 2023. The NC Dept. of Public Instruction (**DPI) held a webinar on Monday, December 11, 2023 @11:00 to review and release resources to support the development of the Guide.**
(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x_XQ6xwY6_cQuGz0nRC7V8sCrsgTsrpaOlWmspcrWjs/edit**)The attached Guide Template and Policy documents were provided by DPI and they will be utilized in addition to advise from counsel to prepare a SA specific Parent's Guide to Student Achievement for implementation in the 2024-2025 year. DPI would like the guide completed by May, 2024.**
M. Dixon made a motion to approve the 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).
E. Alvarez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
A. Farooqi arrived at 6:45 PM.

V. Transition Progress

A. Transition Update

D. Palmer shared plan for Executive Director transition.

- Overview of Transition Plan, Timeline & Communication Plan - it's a fluid document that will adjust as needed

- Shared action items slated for completion within the next 30 days
- Updates will be provided every month as part of communication plan

A. Starling arrived at 7:00 PM.

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

A. Community Comments

No community comments.

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 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dixon

Documents used during the meeting

- sb49_compliance_section_612112023_final.pdf
- Policy PRNT-002 Parent's Guide to Student Achievement.pdf
- PGSA Considerations from NCDPI.Share.12.11.23.pdf