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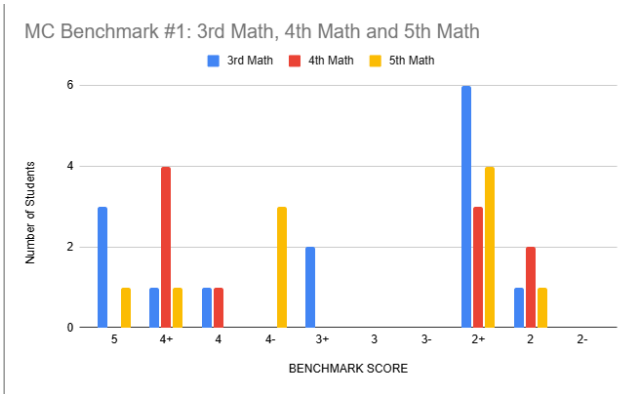
Board of Directors' Meeting
Marjorie Williams Academy
Conference Room
October 20, 2026
1:30
Link: https://meet.google.com/wdt-fmvg-nma

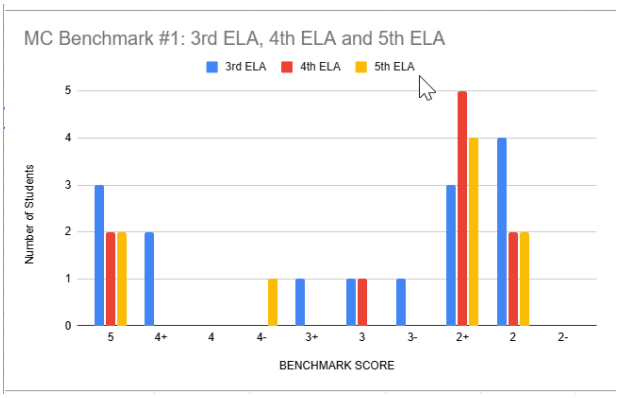
Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:31

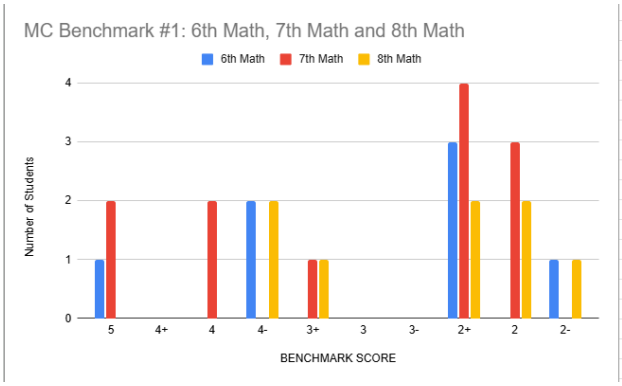
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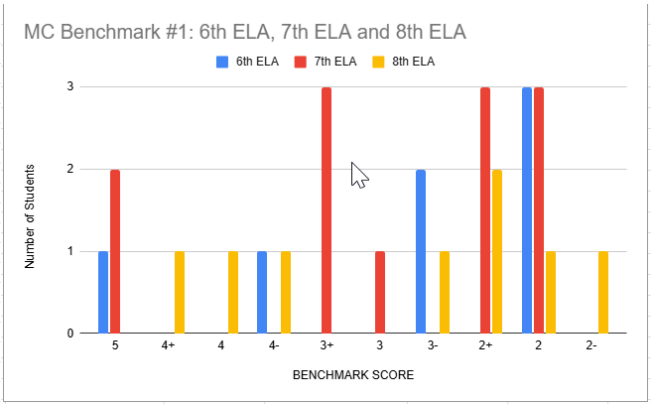
- Approve: Updated Criminal Background Check Policy – Austin discussed the change in the policy language required by the State. The intent of the policy has not changed. Williams called for a motion of approval. Dellinger Motioned; Barnhardt seconded; all approved

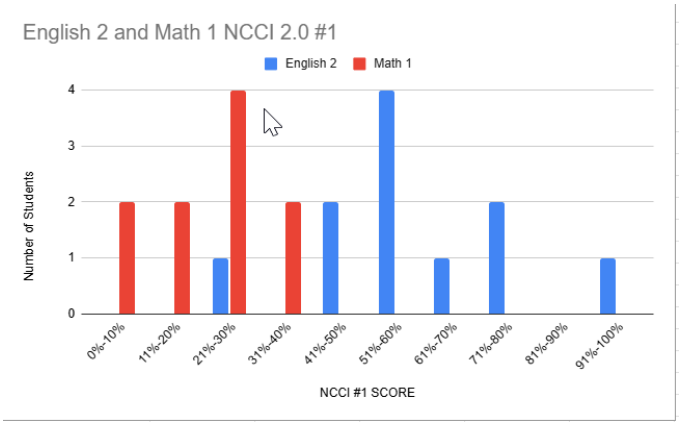
Data Review – Austin reviewed the following:

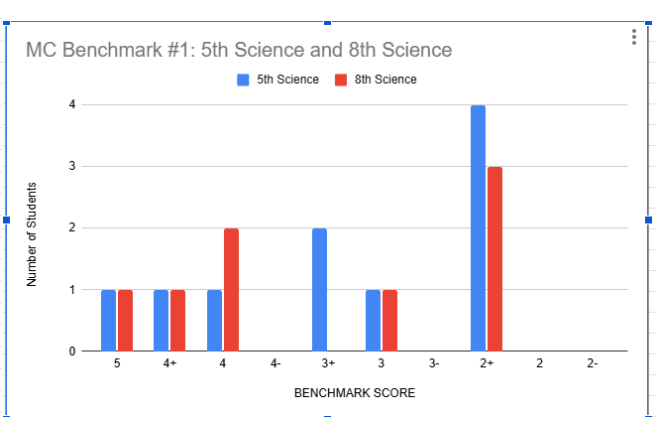


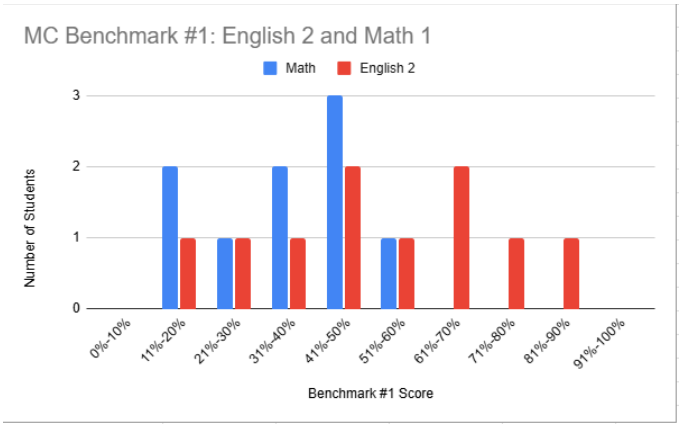












For Information Items:

- Basketball has begun – First game Nov. 9 for boys and girls
- Audit complete – no findings
- McDonalds 5k Grant – Austin explained the 5k grant she applied for to be used for a Smartboard on cart. This cart can be used with afterschool tutoring as well as moved around within the schools for teachers to share in their classroom
- Safe Schools Grant – Austin also applied for a $2500 grant to cover CPI training for Mrs. Mains and the train the trainers
- Austin explained the Scholastic bookfair was a huge success. Many students expressed how they always wanted to buy something from the bookfair but never had the money. Austin thanked the Williams Family Foundation for their donation that made that dream a reality for many students.
- Austin talked about the BTSP pre-visit and the documentation needed to be collected this year for the monitoring visit in July. She reminded the board that the monitoring visit for next year was pushed up to July so that she could oversee it before retiring. Although the Academy has passed their monitoring visits in the last 2 monitoring cycles, she explained that only 2 charter schools were in compliance with last year's monitoring visit, so Austin is glad they are starting the process now to make sure the Academy is in full compliance,
- Austin shared that while the Bylaws were approved she wanted the board aware of the process and what any change to the bylaws would require:
    - Cover letter
    - Meeting minutes showing board approval to submit
    - Updated Bylaws

- Present Bylaws
- Austin shared that everyone seemed to have relaxing Fall break and ready for the new 9 weeks
- Austin reviewed the "Dates to Know" stating she would keep them on the minutes to refer back to after her retirement
- Dates to know:
  - BTSP Monitoring visit next July – pre-visit was in October
    - BTSP will be completed in July 2027 for a 5 year term (2032)
  - Consolidated Federal Programs – 2027-2028 monitoring visit
  - IDEA – 2027-2028 monitoring visit
  - Charter renewal 2024 – for 7 years (2031) will reach out in 2029 – visit 2030 and vote for approval of 2031 renewal 3, 5, 7 or 10 years.
  - Cognia Accreditation – 2032 – will reach out in 2029 for mid-term review – contact in 2031 to start reaccreditation process.

- Board meeting dates: Third Tuesday of the month @1:30 – Hybrid – Location Marjorie Williams Academy Conference room and link will be sent – Autin reviewed the upcoming meeting dates

  - **November 17, 2025**
  - **December – no meeting**
  - **January 19, 2027**
  - **February 16, 2027**
  - **March 16, 2027**
  - **April 13, 2027**
  - **May 18, 2026 – Annual -** (Possible motion to move to May 20)
  - **July 1, 2026 – Close Out - e-meeting**

- Budget – Austin reviewed the expenses to date. She also focused on the Month at a Glance and compared it to last month to show the board how to track local expenses and the questions to ask if the amount is decreasing
- Austin reviewed the present enrollment – there are 127 students - 81 Community 46 Residential – decreased by 2 from last month's ADM. The intakes and discharges from Crossnore Communities were at a net loss of 2.
- Dellinger asked about the programs and efforts to protect the students from unwanted attention, bullying and inappropriate actions – "no means no" Austin explained about the State program requirements Protect our Students and Safe Schools as well as the Say Something App and school discipline policy.
- Upcoming events – Austin revied the upcoming events
- Public Input - none
- Adjourn – Williams called for a motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 2:06. Dellinger motioned; Barnhardt seconded; all approved

Meeting Minutes reviewed, approved and submitted by Tommy Dellinger, Secretary 10-21-2026

Upcoming Events
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11-17 - EOC Testing
Dec. 18-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

Jan. 1 - New Year Holiday
Jan. 4 - 5 - OWDs
Jan. 6 - First Day 2nd Semester
Jan. 18 - MLK Holiday
Jan. 28 - Make up Picture Day (not posted)

Feb. 15 - OWD

March 15 - OWD

March 25 - Early Dismissal (11:15)
March 26 - OWD
March 29 – April 2 - Easter/Spring Break

April 23 - Early Dismissal (11:15)
April 24 - Prom

May 10–21 - EOG/EOC Testing
May 20 - Incentive Prize Picks (1:00) Process change possible
May 20 - Capping and Pinning (4:00)
May 21 - Last Day/Awards Day (8:30)/Early Dismissal (11:15)
May 21 - Graduation (1:30)
Mission Statement: The mission of Marjorie Williams Academy is to offer *a stable, emotionally supportive, educational environment* for children with a goal of empowering each child *to achieve his or her real academic and social potential.*

Vision: The vision of Marjorie Williams Academy is to become a model school for academic achievement.

BELIEFS:
· Academic growth of all students is the priority of the school
· Students learn best in an environment that promotes student active engagement using a variety of strategies that accommodate diverse learning styles and intellectual levels
· Healthy, safe, orderly and caring environments promote student learning
· Parent, community, and school collaboration are vital to the success of school's mission
· Students will develop a respect and responsibility for community through active participation in service oriented opportunities
· Opportunities and exposure to experiences beyond the school will influence students towards setting positive goals for future
· On-going and meaningful professional development is crucial to teacher growth and ability to provide quality instruction.