

Board of Directors' Meeting Marjorie Williams Academy December 1, 2021 Electronic

For Action Items:

None

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- The monthly appreciation food for the teachers in appreciation of their work from the board members is very appreciative.
- o The movie and popcorn down at the Falcon's Nest before Thanksgiving break was a huge hit K-12.
- Weather permitting we will do another movie before they get out for Christmas break with popcorn and hot chocolate.
- Review Trial Balance Report Austin explained the focus has been on updating and expanding the network and updating/replacing computers and increasing our bandwidth and speed.
- Tutoring Program Austin explained they have started the tutoring/intervention program and are purchasing necessary resources to close the achievement gap. The have scheduled an intervention time in K-8th grade. The help is school-wide. All K-8 students are divided up in groups based on need and all teachers, assistants, and tutors have a group. Even high school teachers are giving up their planning period to work with students on reading and math for 30 minutes Monday-Friday. The preliminary data show an increase across the board in math and reading comprehension and fluency. The students are enjoying their success which is an incredible motivator. Austin will have more concrete data at the January meeting. She is encouraged about the direction they are going, is over-the-top excited about the whole-school effort by the Academy to make it happen.
- o Reviewed testing schedule
- Enrollment 90 students Austin explained the decrease in enrollment due to the Family First Act over residential care.
- Public Input none
- Adjourn Meeting adjourned

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.