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Board of Directors' Meeting
Marjorie Williams Academy
Conference Room
September 20, 2022

1:30

Link: <https://meet.google.com/jzq-rwoi-esp>

Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:34

Present: Williams, Royster, Barnhardt, Burnett, Clark, Oates, Austin

For Action Items: None

For Information Items: Austin reviewed meeting dates

- Board Meeting Dates: 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 1:30 hybrid
 - October 18 @ 1:30
 - November 15 @ 1:30
 - December 20 @ 1:30
 - January 17 @ 1:30
 - February 21 @ 1:30
 - March 21 @ 1:30
 - April 18 @ 1:30
 - May 26 @ 11:30 lunch provided Graduation @ 1:30
- Report card grade – **Austin shared that the Academy had moved from a D to a C and had MET growth. The overall grade improved by 7 points and the overall performance improved by over 20 points.**
- Audit – **clear no findings** -
- Conflict of Interest signature – **Please sign and send in**
- Board email account: - **Austin discussed access**
- Open meeting requirements: <http://www.dmlp.org/legal-guide/north-carolina/open-meetings-laws-north-carolina>
- Charter schools and boards are governed by the General Statutes, Article 14A.: https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_115C/Article_14A.pdf
- Charter School Information: Charter School Homepage <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/charterschools/>
- Governance Board Training Opportunities: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/alternative-choices/charter-schools/professional-development/professional-development-resources>



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- Charter renewal webinar: Oct. 3 10:00-12:00 sign up link:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YZyehLvvg026X0tTN2ZM9zZGGFlxAvNPhUfPQn8zKm5UN0tDR1M3WUfKUjgzNkhCSzZGRVIRUDAwTy4u>

The training will cover the following topics: **Austin encouraged any member to join the training call and reviewed the following process for charter renewal:**

- General Timeline
- Deliverables
- CSAB Renewal Guidelines
- Self-Study – **Completed - attached**
- The self-study provides information describing how the school is successfully fulfilling the mission formally approved by the State Board of Education. The school is asked to prepare an executive summary, describe the school's goals for the next five years, and describe the school's education program.
- Due: November 30, 2022
- Payment **\$500.00**
- Schools that intend to seek renewal must notify the NCDPI Office of Charter Schools (OCS) of the request and be prepared to pay the renewal fee of \$500 (due no later than December the year before renewal) and complete the renewal process. **Completed**
- Site Visit **dates TBD**
- The Office of Charter Schools personnel will make a site visit to the school to review the school's progress toward meeting its charter's mission. In order to get a more complete picture of the school, the Office of Charter Schools will tour the school and meet with three separate groups during the site visit: (1) Administrative/Board Committee, (2) Staff Committee, and (3) Parent Committee. **Austin will notify all members when interviews are scheduled.**
- Budget – expenses to date see attached – **no questions**
- Enrollment – 80 students – **Austin explained the drop in enrollment**
- Public Input - **None**
- Adjourn – **Williams called for a motion to adjourn. Royster motioned; Burnett seconded; all agreed. Adjourned @ 2:07**

Upcoming Events

August

Aug. 18 - Open House (3:15-5:00)

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September

Sept. 2 - OWD

Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Sept. 29 - Picture Day

October

Oct. 12 - OWD

Oct. 13-17 - Fall Break

Oct. 21 - Academic Recognition

November

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 28 - BABY MERCY SHOWER

Nov. 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec. 14-20 - EOC Testing

Dec. 21-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

January

Jan. 2 - New Year Holiday (observed)

Jan. 3 - OWD

Jan. 4 - First Day 2nd Semester

Jan. 13 - Academic Recognition

Jan. 16 - MLK Holiday

Jan. 25 - ED (11:15) - 1/2 RWD

February

Feb. 1 - Make-up picture day

Feb. 13 - OWD

March

March 13 - OWD

March 24 - Academic Recognition

April

April 6 - ED (11:15)

April 7 - OWD



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April 10-14 - Easter/Spring Break

April 28 - ED

April 29 - Prom (7:00-10:00)

May

May 15-26 - Testing

May 25 - Capping/Pinning Ceremony

May 26 - Awards Day (ED 11:15)

May 26 - Graduation (1:30)

May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday

May 30-31 - RWD

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.

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