



## MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting  
Marjorie Williams Academy  
Conference Room  
February 21, 2023  
1:30

Link: <https://meet.google.com/tgh-yjkt-twj>

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

**For Action Items: None**

### For Information Items:

- Charter renewal site visit May 11, 2023 – Austin discussed the schedule for the visit
- Valentine Shop a success! We will do a Bunny Shop in April. Thank you to Kim for gathering some items from birdcage. Many residential purchased toys for less than \$5
- Tap, jazz, and tumbling class is going well. We have added 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – hoping to schedule in this opportunity next year as a special.
- 3 Days missed for snow: Nov. 15, Jan. 13, Jan. 23

### Review Decembers Meeting Minutes

- Board Meeting Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 1:30 hybrid
  - March 21 @ 1:30 – Austin highlighted the next board meeting – same format
  - April 18 @ 1:30
  - May 23 @ 1:30 change due to Crossnore Board meeting
- Field Trips
  - Gem Mine – high school science
  - Apple Orchard- K-2 – Johnny Appleseed Unit
  - Yearbook Workshop – Yearbook class
  - Tanawha trail – 8<sup>th</sup> grade science – short (a) - tan (on)–a-wall
  - Pumpkin Patch – K-2
  - Gem Mine – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – science
  - Linville Falls – high school science
  - ASU tour – 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Community Service – Food Drive – Middle School
- Senior Plans –

**Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.**

| Name              | Post grad plans                       | Study/Career Interest | Colleges Applied          | Colleges Accepted           | Colleges Visited |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Octavia Borkowski | Possibly AB Tech or Blue Ridge CC     | Nursing               | AB-Tech and Blue Ridge CC |                             |                  |
| Leah Brabham      | UNCW, MHU, Western Carolina, Montreat | Cyber security/CJ     | Western Carolina          | Western Carolina, Mars Hill | App State        |
| Al Goodwyn        | App state                             | Engineering/Robotics  | App State, ECU, NC A&T    |                             | App State        |
| Summer Absher     | Go home then to Brevard               | Forensics             | Western Carolina          |                             | App State        |

- Student Data Updates

- o EOC semester scores – Math I and English II 50% proficient
- o ACT – **March 7th**
- o ACT/SAT Data Report –

ACT:

Average Composite Score  
 (2014) - 18.1  
 (2015) - 18.8 - Growth of 3.9%  
 (2016) – 19.6 - Growth of 7.1%  
 (2017) – 14.6 - Growth of -26.6%  
 (2018) - 16.1 - Growth of 9.80%  
 (2019) - 17.1 - Growth of 6.20%  
 (2020) – 15 - Decrease of -12.28%  
 (2021) – 14 - Decrease of -6.67%  
**(2022) – 14.75 – Growth of 5.36%**

SAT:

Average Score  
 (2014) - 1315  
 (2015) - 1257 Growth of -4.4%  
 (2016) – 1231 Growth of -2.1%  
 (2017) – N/A  
 (2018) – N/A  
 (2019) – 1110  
 (2020) – N/A  
 (2021) – N/A  
 (2022) – N/A

- Charter renewal process update – see below – **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

The training will cover the following topics:

- o General Timeline
- o Deliverables
- o CSAB Renewal Guidelines
- o Self-Study – **Completed -**
- o 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 **May 11, 2023**
- 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.
- Budget –
  - Trial Balance - expenses to date see attached – **Payroll**
  - Budget Analysis – Budget vs. Expenses –
- Enrollment – **61 – 1 new community student added. Several community applications coming in for next year.**
- Public Input - **None**
- Adjourn – **Barnhardt motioned; Royster seconded; Williams adjourned. 2:07**

## Upcoming Events

### 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  
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

- 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](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>
- Charter renewal webinar: Oct. 3 10:00-12:00 sign up link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YZyehLvwg026X0tTN2ZM9zZGGFlxAvNPhUfPQn8zKm5UN0tDR1M3WUFKUjgzNkhCSzZGRVIRUDAwTy4u>

**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.