



MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting
Marjorie Williams Academy
Conference Room
April 18, 2023

1:30

Link:

<https://meet.google.com/vks-gkba-sqx>

Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:32

For Action Items: 2023-2024 calendar approval – Royster motioned; Clark seconded; all approved

For Information Items:

- Charter renewal site visit May 11, 2023 – Interview 12:30-1:15 conference room
- 3 Days missed for snow: Nov. 15, Jan. 13, Jan. 23
 - We are making great strides in improving our testing performance. The students and teachers are working hard.
 - The students are excited about the test incentive program as the incentive display case in the main lobby fills up. Three glass display cases each containing prizes they can earn for testing performance. If you earn a 3 on the end of year test you can choose a prize that is valued from \$25-\$50. A 4 will earn you a prize valued at \$50-100, and a 5 is worth a prize valued at \$100-\$200. The students walk by the case several times a day and discuss what they are going to choose. We tend to incentivize teachers but other than the intrinsic reward of passing to the next grade or working to get into a good college, there is not a tangible award for students.
 - Easter/Spring Break was the week of April 10th. The students were dismissed early on April 6th and the teachers had an optional workday on the 7th.
 - The prom will be down at the Falcon's Nest on April 29th.
 - Our end of year testing will be May 15-26. We are going to have a big celebration the week before leading up to testing week to get the students excited about performing to win a prize. That Friday we are going to have a Test Pep Rally with games and cheers focused on winning academically.
 - The incentive picks and the jazz, tap, tumbling, and handbell recital will be May 25th (1:00).
 - The Capping and Pinning Ceremony for our 4 graduates will be on May 25 @ 4:00

Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.

- Awards program May 26 at 8:30 in the Hayes
- Graduation will be May 26th at 1:30.
- Penn Foster graduation April 4 – Natasha Kidd
- ACT scores - 17 (15.25%). Four scores are the highest we have received.
- Board Meeting Dates: 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 1:30 hybrid
 - April 18 @ 1:30
 - May 23 @ 1:30 change due to Crossnore Board meeting
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- Senior Plans – Brett and I met with seniors – Brett will be notified weekly on all progress for residential seniors

● 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	ETSU; BRCC	
Leah Brabham	UNCW, MHU, Western Carolina, Montreat	Cyber security/CJ	Western Carolina	Western Carolina, Mars Hill	App State
Al Goodwyn	ASU; ECU; ETSU, A&T	Engineering/Robotics	App State, ECU, NC A&T	ASU; ECU; ETSU	App State
Summer Absher	Go home then to Brevard	Forensics	Western Carolina		App State

- Student Data Updates
 - EOC semester scores – Math I and English II 50% proficient
 - ACT – March 7th
 - 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%
 (2023) – 17 (15.25%)

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:

- General Timeline
 - Deliverables
 - CSAB Renewal Guidelines
 - Self-Study – **Completed -**
 - 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 – focus on payroll
 - Trial Balance - expenses to date see attached –
 - Budget Analysis – Budget vs. Expenses –
 - Enrollment – **72**
 - Public Input - **None**
 - Adjourn – **Clark motioned; IZARD seconded; all approved. Meeting concluded at 1:57**

Upcoming Events

April

April 28 - ED

April 29 - Prom (7:00-10:00) – Motorcycle theme

May

May 15-26 – Testing

May 25 – Incentive prize picks and recital starting at 1:00

May 25 - Capping/Pinning Ceremony - @4:00

May 26 - Awards Day (ED 11:15) – ~~tap, jazz, tumbling performance starting at 8:30~~

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
- 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=YZyehLvvg026X0tTN2ZM9zZGGFlxAvNPhUfPQn8zKm5UN0tDR1M3WUFKUjgzNkhCSzZGRVIRUDAwTy4u>

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.