



MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting

Marjorie Williams Academy

Conference Room

August 19, 2025

1:30

Link: <https://meet.google.com/uek-eiqr-zzq>

Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30

For Action Items:

- **Approve:**
 - Student Handbook for 2025-2026 – no changes – Clark motioned; Burnett seconded; unanimous
 - Grievance Policy – Oates motioned; Clark seconded; unanimous
- **Review and Sign:** Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement. Austin noted no changes to the form – members will review and sign and send into Austin
- **Royster resigned from board.** Williams nominated Clark for Vice Chair. Phillips motioned; Burnett seconded; unanimous
- **Board members will be searching for possible candidates and then a more formal process according to the bylaws will be put into place for the nominated candidates.**

For Information Items:

- **Accreditation visit will be August 25th – Austin stated she paid extra for the reviewer to come to campus. Reviewer will tour and interview students and staff.**
- **Preliminary report card data – Austin stated the report card dropped by 7 points and they were now in a D. The transient nature of the student population in DSS custody and the issues with students being discharged from the children's and not reenrolled in school causing an unprecedented low graduation risk is an issue. However, the teachers have overcome these same reoccurring obstacles in the past and they will again this year.**
- **Board meeting dates: Third Tuesday of the month @1:30 – Hybrid – Location Marjorie Williams Academy Conference room and link will be sent**
 - **August 19, 2025**
 - **September 16, 2025**
 - **October 21, 2025**
 - **November 18, 2025**
 - **December – no meeting**
 - **January 20, 2026**
 - **February 17, 2026**
 - **March 17, 2026**
 - **April 21, 2026**
 - **May 19, 2026 – Annual**

○ **July 1, 2026 – Close Out**

- Budget – Austin reviewed the expenses to date and pointed out that uniforms for this year were ordered in June so that appeared on last year's budget
- Updates
 - 22 new community students
 - 120 students - 77 Community 43 Residential
 - Avery Count Opioid Grant – 35K
 - Title I grant – (\$222,633)
 - Title II grant – (6,549)
 - Title IV grant – (16,839)
 - State – (1.2900,00) projected to decrease after best of first two months due to drop in residential enrollment from last year.
 - SRSA grant (Opted for Title II funds)
- Enrollment – 120 students (77 community, 43 residential)
- Public Input - None
- Adjourn – 2:07 Oates motioned; Burnette seconded; unanimous

Upcoming Events

Aug. 21 - Open House

Sept. 1 - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 29 - Picture day

Oct. 8 - OWD

Oct. 9-13 - Fall Break

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 24-28 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 12-18 - EOC Testing

Dec. 19-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

Jan. 1 - New Year Holiday

Jan. 2 - OWD

Jan. 5 - OWD

Jan. 6 - First Day 2nd Semester

Jan. 19 - MLK Holiday

Jan. 29 - Make up Picture Day (not posted)

Feb. 9 - OWD

March 9 - OWD

April 2 - Early Dismissal (11:15)

April 3 - OWD

April 6-10 - Easter/Spring Break

April 24 - Early Dismissal (11:15)

April 25 - Prom

May 11–22 - EOG/EOC Testing

May 21 - Incentive Prize Picks (1:00)

May 21 - Capping and Pinning (4:00)

May 22 - Last Day/Awards Day (8:30)/Early Dismissal (11:15)

May 22 - 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.