



MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting
Marjorie Williams Academy
Conference Room
November 18, 2025

1:30

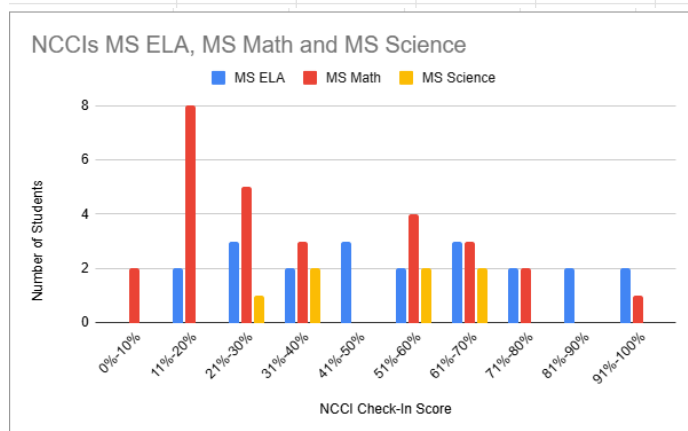
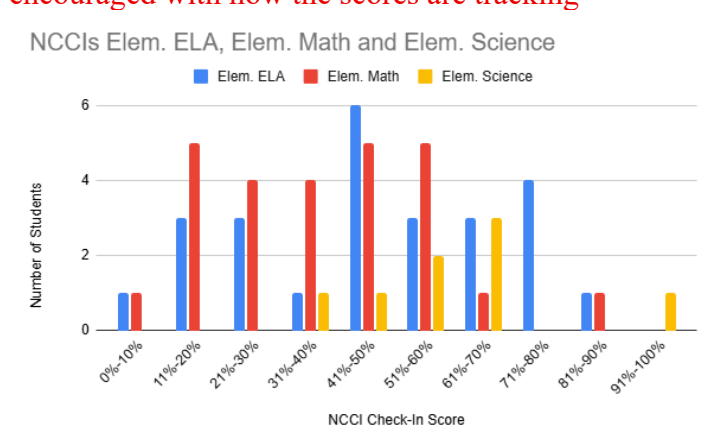
Link: <https://meet.google.com/jbc-wbbc-agh>

Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:33

For Action Items: None

For Information Items:

- Data Focus – Austin Reviewed the Check-in data for Elementary and MS – she is very encouraged with how the scores are tracking



- New 15 Passenger AWD van purchased 60K

- 3 new Water fountains – were purchased with grant funding and Austin said they have been in contact with a plumber, but it has been difficult to get him to commit to an installation date.
- Tutoring – has been ongoing during the school day – money
- Austin announced the Girls and Boys Basketball – 9th-12th grade has been revived and 4 games scheduled – Uniforms were purchased from a grant.
- Cheerleading has also been revived including 2nd-12th. They are wearing WA shirts, black shorts and white shoes. Austin expressed she hoped to get a grant next year for uniforms
- Austin stated the following field trips have been taken:
 - Hiking – Celestial Point, Hawksbill, Babel Tower Trail – High School Outdoor Education Class
 - Barter Theater – 7th Grade ELA
 - ASU Tour – Juniors and Seniors
 - Quaker Meadows Captain Charles McDowell House – 8th Grade Social Studies
 - Hickory Aviation Museum – 6th-8th Math
 - Blowing Rock Art and History Museum – High School Art Class
 - Biltmore House and Gardens – Architecture Design Class
- Austin gave the Seniors:/College Advisor Report
 - 1:1 Meetings with students: **6 students**
 - Next Step Plans Created: **6**
 - Group Engagement: **1**
 - FAFSA Assisted: **6**
 - FAFSA Completed: **6**
 - College Applications: 5 (this is the number of students who have completed at least one college app)
 - Senior IG completed his ETSU application, and his transcript was submitted successfully. He's created his Common App account but hasn't started filling it out yet. I know he's planning on applying to App State and I think ECU.
 - Senior LP has everything submitted to ETSU, UNC, and Wingate. Time to get her looking at scholarships. Accepted to ETSU and Wingate
 - Senior IG* accepted to ETSU, we just need to get him started on scholarships because that's the only school he wants to go to.
 - Senior JC completed her application to Forsyth CC. We started talking about scholarships
 - Senior LL – Accepted to Lenoir Rhyne with 25K scholarship.
 - Senior KB - seems like she's lost some motivation. She's hyper focused on her sister giving birth right now
 - Feeding Avery Families Service Project: volunteer schedule is set for the students. Friday morning from 9:30-11:30 the 3rd week of the month
- Board meeting dates: Third Tuesday of the month @1:30 – Hybrid – Location Marjorie Williams Academy Conference room and link will be sent
 - **December – no meeting**
 - **January 20, 2026**
 - **February 17, 2026**
 - **March 17, 2026**
 - **April 21, 2026**
 - **May 19, 2026 – Annual**

○ **July 1, 2026 – Close Out - e-meeting**

- Budget – expenses to date – Van purchased – Austin and Laws explained the excel spreadsheet
- Enrollment – 115 students (72 community, 43 residential)
- Closings and Delays:
 - 11-10-25 – 2 hour delay
- Public Input
- Adjourn 2:13 – Clark motioned; Barnhardt seconded – all agreed

Upcoming Events

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.