



## MARJORIE WILLIAMS ACADEMY

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Board of Directors' Meeting  
Marjorie Williams Academy  
Conference Room  
August 20, 2024  
1:30

Link: <https://meet.google.com/ier-maaz-mxe>

**Call to Order: Williams called the meeting to order at 1:35**

### For Action Items:

- Approve:
  - Student Handbook for 2024-2025 – Austin expressed there were no changes from the previous year. Barnhardt motioned; Royster seconded; all approved.
  - Parent Leave Opt-in Austin explained Parent Leave 16 NCAC 06C .0408 – Clark motioned; Burnett seconded; all approved.
- Review and Sign: Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement – Austin stated there were no changes to the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Board members agreed to fill out and send in to be filed in the office.

### For Information Items:

- Preliminary report card data – Austin reported that the Academy:
  - Maintained a C
  - Grew 3 points in proficiency to a 60
  - Grew 13 points in growth – met
  - Closing in on a B!
- August 29<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for the Academy – Austin explained the following celebrations plans:
  - Cupcakes at lunch
  - Ice cream in the afternoon
  - Party candy bags
  - Banner
  - Freddy in a Bday hat passing out DumDums
  - Will make a big social media presence
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Commissioner Tour and lunch – Austin explained she invited the commissioners to the Academy to reduce stigma about what a charter school is and what it is not. The students served and the large presence of community students over residential. Commissioners cannot have 3 or more gathered in the same place or it is a quorum so only 2 will be present and possibly the county manager.
- Repayment schedule Austin explained that the state paid the ADM early so the Academy will be able to make double payments and hope to pay off the loan by Dec. 2025 rather than June 2027

- Austin reviewed the board meeting dates: Third Tuesday of the month @1:30 – Hybrid – Location Marjorie Williams Academy Conference room and link will be sent
  - August 20, 2024
  - September 17, 2024
  - October 15, 2024
  - November 19, 2024
  - December – no meeting
  - January 21, 2025
  - February 18, 2025
  - March 18, 2025
  - April 15, 2025
  - May 20, 2025 - Annual
  
- Budget – Austin reviewed the expenses to date – ordered uniforms for the year in June
- Updates – Austin explained
  - 22 new community students
    - 127 students - 70 Community 57 Residential
    - K and 1<sup>st</sup> are stand only
    - 2-3, 4-5 are team teaching
  - Joey Logano Foundation 10K Tutoring
  - Junior DAR – 10K Tutoring
  - Avery Count Opioid Grant – 25K
  - Title I grant – (\$224,408)
  - Title II grant – (7,042)
  - Title IV grant – 16,550
  - State – (1,1200,00) projected to increase after best of first two months
  - SRSA grant (due to low numbers 22/23 year we will not receive this year)
  
- Enrollment – 127 students
- Public Input – None
- Adjourn – Clark motioned; Royster seconded; all approved

## Upcoming Events

Aug. 22 - Open House

Aug. 30 - OWD

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 30 - Picture day

Oct. 9 - OWD

Oct. 10-14 - Fall Break

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11-17 - EOC Testing

Dec. 18-31 - Christmas/Winter Break

Jan. 1 - New Year Holiday

Jan. 2 - OWD  
Jan. 3 - First Day 2nd Semester  
Jan. 20 - MLK Holiday  
Jan. 29 - Make up Picture Day (not posted)

Feb. 10 - OWD

March 10 - OWD

April 17 - Early Dismissal (11:15)  
April 18 - OWD  
April 21-25 - Easter/Spring Break

May 2 - Early Dismissal (11:15)  
May 3 - Prom  
May 12-23 - EOG/EOC Testing  
May 22 - Capping and Pinning (4:00)  
May 23 - Last Day/Awards Day/Early Dismissal (11:15)  
May 23 - 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.