

**Agenda**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

**Marjorie Williams Academy**

**October 6, 2017**

**10:00 – 11:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order: Royster called the meeting to order 10:09**

**Present: Royster, Guy, Williams, Izard, Beck, Barnhardt, Oats**

**Others: Austin**

**For Action Items:**

* Approve – School Improvement Action Plan – Board reviewed the SIP and discussed the specifics of improving the letter grade from a D. Reading specialist and math specialist have been hired to increase our proficiency scores. Williams motioned; Guy seconded; All approved
* Approve – Calendar change – Graduation date has been changed from Saturday, June 2 to Thursday, May 31. The Baccalaureate service has been cancelled. Barnhardt motioned; Izard seconded; All approved
* Student petition - Austin presented the board with a petition written by the Civics class students requesting for casual day Friday on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. The board approved the petition as written – Izard motioned; Williams approved; All approved

**For Information Items:**

* New sign – New signage on front of building: Marjorie Williams Academy Office
* “Like” us on FB
* Field Trips – Grandfather Mtn; Buffalo Cove (overnight); Avery Fair, Kona (Graveyard of Frankie Silver’s husband); Apple Orchard; LMC production Holocaust survivor speaker;
* Dr. Marlowe’s PD – Author of Teaching Children Who Are Hard to Reach – Book study – All faculty and staff read the book and Dr. Marlowe provided a full day PD on how to work with challenging students.
* Author Presentation – all high school students read The Ballad of Frankie Silver – The author, Sharyn McCrumb spoke to the students and provided a Q&A time. All students received an autograph copy
* Teacher observations – Principal and Peer
* Hosted DPI on Oct. 5 – Provided a meeting space for the Compliance Forum for Homeless Education Program
* Review income expenses to date – No questions
* Review student data – Letter Grade “D” EXCEEDED GROWTH (80/20) – Austin explained the State’s rule on counting proficiency as 80% of the grade and 20% on the growth.
	+ Benchmark data – Benchmark data showed high growth across all grade levels.
	+ Progress monitoring data
	+ Areas being addressed
		- RTA reading help
		- Middle School EC help
		- ACT Prep teacher workshop and course
* Received a “Clear” Audit – packet distribution TBA
* Upcoming events:
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	+ Oct. 11 - ED @ 11:15
	+ Oct. 12 - 16 - Fall Break
	+ Oct. 20 - Picture Day
	+ Oct. 24-27 - Cyndi out - Federal Program Meeting
	+ Oct. 27 - Academic Recognition - Stacey to host
	+ Oct. 31 - Fall Festival in rooms by teachers
	+ Nov. 10 - Veterans Day (Observed)
	+ Nov. 14 - Cyndi out - Charter Meeting
	+ Nov. 16 & 17 - LMC Performance - Details TBD
	+ Nov. 20 - 24 - Thanksgiving Break
	+ Dec. 4 - Christmas Party at Austin’s
	+ Dec. 11-15 - High School EOC Testing
	+ Dec. 15 - ED @ 12:45
	+ Dec. 18 - OWD
	+ Dec. 19 - Jan. 1 - Winter Break
	+ Jan. 2 - OWD
	+ Jan. 3 - 1st Day 2nd Semester
	+ Jan. 9 - Cyndi out - Charter Meeting
	+ Jan. 15 - MLK Holiday
	+ Jan. 24 - ED @ 11:15 - ½ OWD
	+ Jan. 26 - Cyndi out - Board Meeting in Winston
	+ Feb. 2 - Picture Day
	+ Feb. 16 - OWD
	+ March 2 - Dr. Seuss Day
	+ March 12 - OWD
	+ March 13 - Cyndi out - Charter Meeting
	+ March 23 - Academic Recognition
	+ March 29 - ED @ 11:15
	+ March 30 - OWD
	+ April 2 - 6 - Spring Break
	+ April 27 - ED @ 12:45 ½ RWD
	+ April 28 - Prom (7:00-10:00)
	+ May 16 - 25, 29-30 - K-12 EOG/EOC Testing
	+ May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday
	+ May 30 - Awards Day - ED @ 11:15
	+ **May 31 - RWD - Baccalaureate @ 2:00**
	+ **June 1 - RWD - Academy Board Meeting**
	+ **June 2 - Graduation @ 1:30**
* Enrollment – 125 students
* Public Input - None
* Adjourn – Williams motioned; Izard seconded; All approved; Royster adjourned at 11:25

**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.