



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Directors Present

C. Williams-Hagin (remote), L. Hamer (remote), R. Wilson (remote), K. Sandiford (remote), L. Stephens (remote), M. Anglin (remote), S. Brown (remote), D. Barron (remote)

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice (remote)

Guests Present

Dr. Claytisha Walden (remote), Ms. Kimylene Hover (remote), Tawanna Muniz (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Hamer called a meeting of the board of directors of Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School to order on February 27, 2023 at 6:37 PM

R. Wilson made a motion to Approve Agenda.

C. Rice seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Williams-Hagins made a motion to Approve Minutes from January 23, 2023

D. Barron seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Business & Operations Report

a. Mrs. Tawana Muniz

STUDENT DATA DASHBOARD:

- i. UNIVERSAL PRE-K STUDENTS – 35
- ii. K-8 STUDENTS – 430
- iii. SPED STUDENTS – 52
- iv. ELL – 3
- v. ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 69%

ENROLLMENT: 2022 - 2023

- Pre-K – 1 seat to be filled
- K – 0 seats to be filled
- Grade 1 – 6 seats to be filled
- Grade 2 – 1 seat to be filled
- Grade 3 – 2 seats to be filled
- Grade 4 – 0 seats to be filled
- Grade 5 – 0 seats to be filled
- Grade 6 – 3 seats to be filled
- Grade 7 – 3 seats to be filled
- Grade 8 – 5 seats to be filled

- 201 applicants on the waitlist

ENROLLMENT: 2023 - 2024

- Received 274 applications; Portal opened 1/3/23
- Deadline to submit applications: 4/1/23
- Lottery scheduled for 4/25/23

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Submitted NYCDOE accountability reports on 1/31/23
- Financial Snapshot, budget vs. actual and cash disbursement reports sent to the board

CI. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie/Dr. Claytisha Walden/

Ms. Kimylene Hover

Teaching and Learning

- K-8 grade scholars received Progress Reports to update families about scholars' academic performance thus far.
- Additional Schoolwide Reading initiatives were started with World Read Aloud Day. Scholars were given new books and special reading logs. Scholars will be rewarded each month to encourage increased reading. The Read Across America celebration will be held on March 2, 2023.
- Implementing weekly Lab Day in Grades 3-8 to support mathematics instruction with Legacy Pathways' Model. Scholars are given tasks that are focused on the priority standards. We use Exemplars, Eureka Curriculum, & Previous Exams to select the task.
- Instructional Coaches are working closely with our ANET Coach to provide additional instructional practice support.
- Legacy Pathways Coach working to support instructional practice and build math content knowledge.
- Science/STEM initiative which includes a schoolwide recycling program, composting, planting, etc.
- Rosetta Stone's online platform is now available for all K-8 scholars to increase language learning in Spanish and Mandarin.
- Early Learning Parent Partnership – 6 sessions working with parents to support PREK-Grade 2 scholars at home.
- School-level assessment results from the 2022 Summer Boost program. Attached We are investigating the partnership again for Summer 23.
- Most recent Assessment results were discussed at the Academic Committee Meeting. Attached

School Culture

- Monthly Scholar Awards presentation – Wednesday, December 16, 2022
- Upcoming Black History Performance – Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- Enrichment Cycle 2 began in January 2023. The new Art Design class was for middle school scholars.
- REACS hosted 150 scholars at a Chess Tournament – REACS scholars represented well with 6 scholars placing in the top 30.
- College Day was held at REACS on January 26th with visits to each class.
- REACS Elementary Basketball Team wrapped up the season and now the Middle School team started off with a win.
- Grade 8 students will go on a trip to Howard University and The African American Museum on March 24, 2023.

Personnel Report

- The First Grade Teacher resigned. The vacancy was filled with our Interventionist.
- Interventionist position vacancy. Interviews and demonstration lessons are being conducted to identify an Interventionist.
- **Ms. Leslie participating in National Alliance for Public Charter Schools in Washington DC February 26-March 1, 2023.**
 - The purpose of meeting with your congressional delegation is to update congressional offices on how charter schools are doing in respective states, thank Members for their support, discuss the importance of the Charter Schools Program, highlight concerns with facilities access and ask congress for the continued support of charter schools by increasing funding to the Charter Schools Program.

CII. PTO Report

Shinequa Brown

Good evening, Executive board, School Leaders, staff, and parents joining us tonight. Our February PTO meeting was held on February 15th via Zoom. It was a fairly quick meeting. For this month's meeting, our Dean Mr. Dauphin joined us and gave a preview of what he and his knowledgeable comrades will discuss at their financial literacy seminar on Saturday, March 4th.

PTO attended the chess tournament held at our school on January 21st and sold juices, muffins, snacks, water, coffee, and pizza. I saw how much our REACS scholars were really into the game and enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to all of our scholars. When I say we want to support the growth of well-rounded scholars, this is what I mean. Of course, our core subjects are extremely important, however, let's continue to encourage to development of our scholars as a whole.

We thanked all the supporters of our Krispy Kreme fundraiser. We had the fresh donuts delivered mid-morning and distributed orders, with the help of a grandparent volunteer (Ms. Hollie Hudson), at dismissal on Friday, February 10th. We raised \$1,451 from the fundraiser. We sold 177 boxes of donuts and 10 bags of coffee, with only 84 participants. Our highest seller was Devyn Brown of class 101, who sold a total of 24 boxes of donuts and will receive a \$25 Visa Gift card; bank balance was given to the board along with the bank statement.

We will have one more pizza pop-up on Friday, March 10th for grades 3 through 8 and all staff. We encourage those participating to please pre-order using the google order form that will be sent via robocall and email. Of course, we thought about how to include our younger grades and in a couple months during the Spring we will do an icy pop-up, so stay tuned. We will definitely need volunteers for both pop-ups plus other activities coming up for the Spring, so all interested can visit our Linktree to fill out the volunteer form and must be prepared to show a vaccination card.

Last but not least, we informed parents of our incentive for the reading initiative. PTO will provide \$5 gift cards to each elementary class for their most improved reader and their top reader, and \$10 gift cards to the middle school classes for the same.

To end our meeting, we wished all the February babies a very Happy Birthday! We remind everyone to continue to stay safe, and please do your due diligence to keep your community safe. Our March theme will be Navigating Life with guest speaker and Life Coach, Evelyce Diaz, on March 15th at 6:30pm via zoom.

CIII. CEO Report

a. Bishop Calvin Rice

- Building construction is ongoing
- 2nd floor complete; waiting on roof to be completed to close in 2nd floor
- By the end of March, all framing will be complete; electrical, A/C, plumbing next to be complete by the summer
- Bank is pleased with progress
- Part of negotiations with governor for uncapped state charter funds
- REACS is a school of choice for highlighting charter school success report

CIV. Finance Report – NO REPORT

a. Mrs. Marcia Anglin

- TBD

CV. Academic Accountability Report

a. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met 2/13/23
- Heard admin report; discussed data and areas of improvement for Math and ELA
- Discussed school progress and activities

CVI. Personnel Committee Report – NO REPORT

a. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

- TBD

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.
In executive session: