



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Platform and In-Person

Directors Present

L. Hamer, C. Williams-Hagins (remote), K. Sandiford, S. Francis (remote), Marcia Anglin (remote)

Directors Absent

Ron Wilson, David Barron, Calvin Rice, Jerome Hurt

Ex Officio Members Present

Guests Present

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie

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 May 27, 2025 at 6:44 PM

The meeting quorum was not met. Official business that requires a vote will be adjourned until the next meeting on June 23, 2025 at 630pm.

C. Approve Minutes

Official business adjourned until next meeting

II. Business & Operations Report

Sylvia F. Leslie in absence of Tawanna Muniz

STUDENT DATA DASHBOARD:

- UNIVERSAL PRE-K STUDENTS – 34
- K-8 STUDENTS (Pre-Enrolled) – 439
- SPED STUDENTS – 66
- ELL – 8
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 66%
- Temp. Housing – 5

ENROLLMENT: 2025 – 2026

- REACS has 396 on the waitlist
- To date, 10 students will not be returning SY 2025-2026

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Projected per pupil is estimated to be \$19,903 for SY 2026. 4.8% increase
- REACS can apply for Security reimbursement from NYC in our 2026 budget
- DOE (NYCPS) Invoice for P1 2026 NPS security submitted
- School is in a good fiscal position as we enter the final quarter of the school year
- Draft budget submitted to the Finance Committee

ATTACHMENTS

- Budget vs. Actual and Cash disbursement reports were given to the board

III. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie

May 2025 Admin Report

Online NYS Testing

- NYS testing has been completed for grades 3 to 8
- Testing- Iready is in process, K-4 is taking the EOY assessment today and tomorrow
- 5/27 & 5/28 5 to 8 Iready EOY
- ELL assessment 3,5,6,8, Reading Writing & Listening

End of Year evaluations- we are still in the process of completing the evaluation of the evaluating teachers

Summer School Update- July 1, 2025 – Aug 7, 2025

Schedule - 8:30 to 1:30

Enrichment - Media team, Art, Gym (movement)

Training for teachers will begin during the week of May 27th.

Approximately 140 scholars are registered.

Celebrate Progress and Success

- NYS Assessments have been completed
- NYS Science assessment is complete
- NYSESLAT completed

Began planning for 2025-26 school year.

Materials for the 2025 School year include:

- **HMH into READING K-5**
- **SAVVAS - My PERSPECTIVE 6-8**
- **SAVVAS MATH ENVISION K-8**
- **WORLD LANGUAGES- MANDARIN**
- **CARNEGIE LEARNING - SPANISH**
- **WILSON FOUNDATIONS**
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH**
- **SOCIAL STUDIES**

2024-2025 School-wide Goal: Increase Overall Student Achievement: The goal is to improve ELA and Math proficiency across all grade levels, aiming for 60% proficiency in ELA and 65% in Math by the end of the 24-25 school year. The end-of-quarter assessments will measure progress.

ANet Data Comparison 23-24 to 24-25

Grade Level

***Gradual increase for the majority of the grade levels in Math and ELA from the previous school year.

ELA

Goal 60%

Grades	ANet 3 23-24	ANet 3 24-25	Increase/ Decrease
2	56%	61%	+5%
3	48%	47%	-1%
4	53%	59%	+6%
5	53%	75%	+22%
6	60%	63%	+3%
7	61%	60%	-1%
8	63%	73%	+10%

Math

Goal: 65%

Grades	ANet 3 23-24	ANet 3 24-25	Increase
2	62%	66%	+4%
3	50%	59%	+9%
4	38%	39%	+1%
5	35%	42%	+7%
6	53%	65%	+12%
7	36%	50%	+14%
8	51%	71%	+20%

Cohort (Same group of scholars)

Class	ELA ANet 3 23-24	ELA ANet 3 24-25	Increase/ Decrease	Math ANet 3 23-24	Math ANet 3 24-25	Increase/Decrease
Current 3rd Grade	56%	47%	-9%	62%	59%	-3%
Current 4th Grade	48%	59%	+11%	50%	39%	-11%
Current 5th grade	53%	75%	+22%	37%	42%	+5%
Current 6th grade	53%	63%	+10%	35%	65%	+30%
Current 7th grade	60%	60%	0%	53%	50%	-3%
Current 8th grade	61%	73%	12%	36%	71%	+35%

2) Priority standards based on the ANET data for ELA for Quarter 3

2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	RI.3.3 (10) RL.3.5 (3)		RI.5.3 (16)	RI.6.2 (6) RL.6.6 (2)	RI.7.2 (4) RI.7.8 (4)	RL.8.2 (12)
	Points: 10	Points:	Points: 16	Points: 8	Points: 8	Points: 12

Priority Standards are based on the ANET data for Math Quarter 3

2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	3.OA.D.8 (2) 3.OA.D.9 (2)	4.NBT.B.6 (2) 4.OA.A.1 (2)	5.NF.B.6 (2) 5.NF.B.7.b (2) 5.NF.B.7.b (2)	6.RP.A.3.a (4)		
	Points: 4	Points: 4	Points: 6	Points: 4	Points: 2	Points: 3

Upcoming Events

- June 4: Culture Assembly
- June 6: International Day
- June 9: 5th grade dance
- June 10: 8th grade Prom
- June 11th: Publishing party (Literacy Initiative)
- Staff Celebration June 13th
- June 16: Pre-K and Kindergarten Graduation
- June 17: 5th and 8th grade Graduation
- Algebra 1 Regents - Jun 18, 2025
- Last day of school – June 18, 2025

Personnel Report

- Mr. Derien (School aide)

Open position

- Interventionist (Mr. Watson resigned)
- Custodial- Open (using the Agency)
- 1 School Aide- Open
- STEAM Teacher
- Administrative Assistant
- IT Specialist (Mr. JJ resigned)

Challenges:

- **Accusation of misconduct. (Teacher against Teacher)**
- **Confrontational Parents**
- **Scholar disruptions**

IV. Personnel Report

A. Kamala Sandiford

Job Fair conducted- 16 participants, 2 candidates invited to return for full interviews

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice absent

VI. PTO Meeting

A. S. Francis /D.A. Seabourne

PTO Board for 2024-2025:

- **Co-President:** Debbie-Ann Seabourne
- **Co-President:** Shaena Francis
- **Vice President:** Jennifer Steele
- **Treasurer:** Margie Townsend
- **Secretary:** Cernelia Johnson
- **Communication Secretary:** Quana Richards
- **Volunteer Chair:** Crystal Anderson
- Meeting held: May 21, 2025
- Attendees: 48 attendees

Key Highlights Giveaways • Three giveaways were held. Winners were: o Riley Tyme, student from Class 201 o Kaleb Pickering, student from Class 602 o Destiny Liverpool, student from Class 301 Each winner received a Dave and Buster's gift card. **Recognition** • Thank you to parent volunteers and staff for successfully facilitating Field Day, which was held indoors due to inclement weather. • Mr. Neville Wallace, kindergarten paraprofessional, was honored for his positive impact and nurturing presence. • Mr. Boston was recognized for his dedication and contributions to school culture. • Dean Richard Dauphin, Dean of School Culture, acknowledged for his transformative leadership and community engagement.

Treasurer's Report (Margie Townsend)

- **Starting Balance (April): \$5,697.03**
- **Deposits: \$3,159 (Pizza Pop-Up, Spring Easter Pictures)**
- **Expenses: \$3,960.06 (pizza, juice, chips, scholar lunches for grades 3–8 during testing)**
- **Ending Balance: \$4,886.64 (includes \$10 service fee)**

Guest Speaker – Dr. Diba Battery Safety Awareness Presentation • Presented by Terrence Madiba Blackman (Dr. Diba), third-year medical student. • Discussed the dangers of button batteries and child injury prevention through T4CIP (Training for Child Injury Prevention).

Community Events Children's Weekend – New Jerusalem Worship Center (June 6–8) • June 6: Mission project – care packages for people in need • June 7: Carnival – food, rides, music

June 8: Worship service led by children, featuring guest speaker and choir Upcoming Events Date Event May 23 Half day for professional development (Pre-K–8) May 26 No school (Holiday) May 28 Parenting Journey Graduation June 6 International Day June 9 Fifth Grade Dance (5:00–7:30 PM) Parent Teacher Organization 122-05 Smith Street Jamaica NY 11434 • www.reacschool.com Date Event June 10 Eighth Grade Prom (5:00–8:00 PM) June 11 Last PTO Meeting of the Year (6:30 PM via Zoom) June 12 IEPs Zoom Workshop with Include NYC (6:30 PM) June 13 ½ Day Professional Development (12 PM Dismissal) June 16 Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduation (9:00 AM) June 17 5th & 8th Grade Graduation (9:00 AM & 1:00 PM) June 18 Last Day of School (Half Day) PTO Board Elections • Applications for 2025–2026 Board are open. • Two volunteer chair positions are available. o Vice President o Volunteer Chair • A link was shared in the chat for interested candidates to apply. Contact & Communications • For questions or to claim giveaway prizes: reactpto1@yahoo.com Closing Remarks The PTO extends deep appreciation to the Rochdale community, families, and school leadership for their continued collaboration and support. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2025 and welcoming new members to the PTO Board in the upcoming academic year.

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VII. Academic Accountability Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met 5/22/2025
- Met about ANET results
- Discussed school goals
- Committed to working with admin to increased ELA and Math scores
- Addressed student and parent concerns
- Will discuss summer school and next year school plans next meeting

VIII. Personnel Committee

A. K. Sandiford

- Staff issues discussed in School Admin. Report

IX. Finance Committee – NO REPORT

A. M. Anglin

Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 711pm. Motions and business will be conducted next meeting June 23, 2025 at 630pm. Reminders: June is the annual meeting and it is necessary to vote for all officers and term limits for all board members. In addition, a nomination and vote is necessary vacant vice chairperson position.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lillian Hamer