



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice (remote)

Guests Present

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (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 January 23, 2023 at 6:36 PM

M. Anglin made a motion to Approve Agenda.

K. Sandiford seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes

C. Williams made a motion to Approve Minutes from December 19, 2022

D. Barron seconded the motion.

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

II. Business & Operations Report

A. Mrs. Tawana Muniz

STUDENT DATA DASHBOARD:

- UNIVERSAL PRE-K STUDENTS – 35
- K-8 STUDENTS – 430
- SPED STUDENTS – 52
- ELL – 3
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 69%

ENROLLMENT: 2022 - 2023

- Pre-K – 1 seat to be filled
- K – 0 seat to be filled
- Grade 1 – 6 seats to be filled
- Grade 2 – 1 seats 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

- 217 applicants on the waitlist

- Received 157 Applications. Portal opened on 1/3/23
- Deadline to submit applications is on 4/1/23
- Lottery scheduled for April 25, 2023

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Working on documents for 1/31/23 NYCDOE Accountability reporting
- Financial Snapshot, Budget vs. Actual Report was sent to the board
- Cash Disbursement was sent to the board

III. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie

- Focusing on ELA and Math instruction
- Still using ANET and IReady for small group and assessments
- 8th grade is prepping for regents exams
- Continuing to work with grades 3-8 for ELA and Math assessments
- Continuing to support teacher development
- Working with legacy pathways and practicing ELA and Math skills
- Informal observations are complete; formal observations are underway
- Free restorative justice training is underway
- Saturday academy is underway
- Graduating students measured for Cap and Gowns
- Harvard University and African-American Museum trips are planned for 8th grade students
- Chess Tournaments complete; Rochdale was represented
- 4th Grade scholars are going to the Math Museum
- Reading program kicks off 2/1
- Black History events are planned for the month of February
- In-House meals visit is planned with a potential vendor

IV. PTO Report

A. Shinequa Brown

- Met 1/18/23 focusing on mental health
- M. Townsend (2nd VP) took office
- All holiday gift cards were given out
- Classroom parent relationships are being strengthened/revamped
- Popcorn fundraiser was completed and successful
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser is underway
- Pop-up Pizza party was completed; 3/10 is the next one
- Check was given to lower senior dues and helping with 5th grade
- Bank Balance was given to the board
- Financial Literacy seminar is planned next month

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

Maintenance/Facility and new Construction:

- Steel Construction for the second floor and roof continues and should be completed by mid-February.
- The first floor outside framing is complete and enclosure has begun. (See link for pics)
- We installed outside lighting under the canopy at the front and rear entrance. A ramp is being constructed to improve the walkway transition from the gym to the main building.
- Executives from **BLAAC** came for a site visit in response to the grant application for funding of a cafeteria.
- **BLAAC** is gearing up to lobby in Albany and in DC for rental assistance for all charter schools and all grades. Ms. Leslie will be traveling to DC, and I will travel to Albany.

VI. Finance Report

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin

- Met via Zoom on 1/19/23
- Discussed salaries for '23-'24
- Discussed Incentives for '22-'23

VII. Academic Accountability Report

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met on 1/17 via Zoom
- Reviewed data for grades 5-8 (middle of year vs. start of year)
- Reviewed data for grades K-4 (middle of year vs. start of year)
- Looking for data for this year's test results vs. last year's test results
- Looking for SPED methods to enrich learning

VIII. Personnel Committee Report – NO MEETING

A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

- Met 1/17 via Zoom
- Discussed student attendance
- Discussed Saturday program
- Discussed Teacher support for Scholars
- Discussed Teacher vacancies
- Discussed Staff attendance
- Discussed Staff certifications
- Discussed new company that is being used for substitute teachers

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM. Next meeting will be February 27, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.

In executive session:

- A motion was made (K. Sandiford) to increase staff salaries for '23-'24 (R. Wilson seconded); vote was passed
- A motion was made (R. Wilson) to accept the recommendation made by the treasurer for the incentive pay for the '21-'22 school year (C. Williams seconded); vote was passed
- Suggestions were made in figuring out how to track student/graduate success, attract students and market the school