



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday November 28, 2022 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), S. Brown (remote)

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice (remote)

Guests Present

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (remote), Dr. Claytisha Walden (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 November 28, 2022 at 6:40 PM

R. Wilson made a motion to Approve Agenda.

M. Anglin seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes

M. Anglin made a motion to Approve Minutes from October 24, 2022

C. Williams 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 – 4
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 68%

ENROLLMENT: 2022 - 2023

- Pre-K – 1 seat to be filled
 - K – 1 seat to be filled
 - Grade 1 – 3 seats to be filled
 - Grade 2 – 0 seats to be filled
 - Grade 3 – 0 seats to be filled
 - Grade 4 – 3 seats to be filled
 - Grade 5 – 2 seats to be filled
 - Grade 6 – 6 seats to be filled
 - Grade 7 – 0 seats to be filled
 - Grade 8 – 5 seats to be filled
- 254 applicants on the waitlist

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Campaign for 2023-2024 Enrollment Begins 12/1. Updated website and FB page
- Audit complete. No findings.
- Completed all Accountability reports due on 11/1/22
- Financial Snapshot, Budget vs. Actual, Cash Disbursement reports were sent to the board

III. School Leader Report

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

Ms. Kimylene Hover

Teaching and Learning

- Focus on professional development to enhance teacher practice
- Enhanced mathematics instruction with double math periods daily. New math online resource – Magma Math
- Regular classroom Walkthroughs and Feedback cycles from Literacy and Mathematics Coaches and Administrators
- Cycle One of Informal Observations completed
- Monthly professional learning on Half Days
- Instructional focus on Data analysis of targeted standards, team teaching, and small group instruction.

School Culture

- Focus on Social-Emotional Learning
- The counseling team continues to focus on critical scholar relationships with each other and adults using Restorative Justice Practices.
- Enrichment and Leadership opportunities
- Established Student Leadership Council.
- Senior Activities Planning Committee began planning
- Monthly Student Cultural Assemblies to review expectations, award outstanding scholars, and motivate scholars. Student Character Awards – for exemplifying Respect, Responsibility, Leadership

Personnel Report

- The Middle School Interventionist Teacher Position filled
- The Elementary Literacy Coach Position filled
- The Middle School Physical Education Teacher resigned

IV. PTO Report

A. Shinequa Brown

Good evening, executive board, School Leaders, staff, parents, and guardians joining us tonight. Our November PTO meeting was held on November 16th via Zoom. Our November family learning theme was "Health is Wealth" with NJWC's Community Health Workers Ms. Abena Smith and Ms. Vanessa Randle. Their presentation revolved around Covid updates, myths regarding the virus and vaccinations and great information. Our parents seemed to be very interested, which was a huge plus because our education on this matter remains vital. Overall, our families are doing well according to our monthly family check in responses.

Of course, we had giveaways. We had a scholar, staff and parent giveaway. Each party received a \$25 Visa gift card. There was a turkey giveaway and our lucky parent who won in return donated the turkey to the church's food pantry, which was so nice of her. We also enlisted Mr. Pinnock's, our Social Worker, help to pick two (2) families in need from our school community. I personally handed two stamped envelopes that each contained a \$50 Visa gift card, so he could mail them to the families for PTO. Giving back makes us feel great. And speaking of giving back, we partnered with NJWC's Mission Ministry and sponsored a canned food drive which ended on November 18th. Everything collected was donated to the NJWC food pantry. Its never too early to teach our scholars about grace or assisting their community. Our scholars showed up and showed out by collecting over 1300 canned goods. So thank you to our scholars and families for all of your donations. PTO did promise the class who collected the most the canned goods an ice cream social, and although we had quite a few classes who were in the running, Class 401 collected 210 cans therefore they will receive the ice cream party.

On October 28th, REACS had our Character Day Walk and our school community looked great. Before the walk, PTO took each class a little goodie bag with water fruit snacks and/or candy. We also had a little station set up outside with water and fruit snacks for our parents who came out to walk with the scholars.

As mentioned before, the PTO is attempting to get more involved with the community and we successfully collaborated with New Jerusalem Worship Center's Youth Ministry lead by Mrs. Barron and Ms. Sinclair for the Harvest Celebration that was held Friday, November 4th. Many of our REACS families were in attendance and lent their helping hands. There was painting, snacks, hot cocoa, a slime table, covid kits and even books were given to the youth. PTO made chocolate covered apples. (Pictures attached) New connections were made, and new opportunities were presented. It was a great & fun night. Everyone, of all ages, enjoyed themselves. We thank Mrs. Barron and Ms. Sinclair for their hospitality, and we already have future collaborations in the works.

PTO obviously believes volunteering is important and if we say that we are preparing our scholars for high school and college, then let's create opportunities where we can help them continually build their resume so to speak. And what better way to help do that than to get them volunteering in the community and exposing them to new things? At the Harvest Celebration we met and spoke with Ms. JaniceMarie Hamm, Director of the New Jerusalem Worship Center Faithworks Theater Ministry. We offered our 8th grade scholars the opportunity to receive volunteer hours with Ms. Hamm working with her on the Christmas Play, which will take place Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th. Just like I did for the volunteers of the Harvest Celebration, Ms. Hamm will provide each volunteer with a letter of hour completion.

As you know, our 2nd VP position has been available and held a special election that closed on November 23rd at 3pm. The link was via email by myself and the school. We had 2 parents interested in the position Ms. Margie Townsend and Ms. Kim Artis, who joined our school community last year. I asked both ladies to say hello and introduce themselves at the meeting. (statements from each candidate attached). The new 2nd VP will be presented to everyone at our meeting on December 14th.

As far as Classroom Parents go, we now have a class parent for all classes except 101, 602, 701, and 702, which isn't bad considering we have a total of 20 classrooms. But if anyone from these classes would like to help further support their class teachers, please email PTO with your interest. Overall, the feedback has been positive from both parents and teachers. I can only hope this continues which will help continue strengthening our partnerships.

As of November's meeting, we had made a profit of \$7,859.50, which means we have sold \$15,719 worth of popcorn. We thank everyone including our board members who have shown their support. Our brochure portion of the popcorn fundraiser will end on Wednesday, November 30th. So, if you haven't already, please submit your brochure orders. Just a heads up to those who placed brochure orders earlier, Double Goods did say there was a delay in shipping some orders with certain flavors, so please just be patient. We will get your orders to you as soon as we receive them from Double Goods. However, we will have 2 more virtual events, with the next one opening on Thursday, December 1st and ending on Monday, December 5th. The last one will be the week of December 19th, so please stay tuned for the actual dates. All winners will be announced at our January PTO meeting; cash statement sent to the board.

The PTO introduced a Pizza Pop Up Fundraiser to all Middle School scholars and staff during the Middle School lunch period on Friday, November 18th. It was a huge success. Our next Pizza Pop Up will be on Friday, December 2nd. We are asking all parents to please pre-order your scholars pizza lunch that day, as well as all staff, so we have a better idea of how many pizza pies to order. We will also accept cash the day of the pop up, however, a pre-order is better. One slice, juice and snack are \$5 and two slices, juice, and snack are \$8. Monies for pre-orders can

be sent via our Cash App at \$reacspto or Zelle using 347-665-3800. We are in the process of narrowing down a fundraiser that caters to our younger scholars.

PTO is doing our best to keep up this momentum. We had the pleasure of speaking with the 8th Grade Class President at the Pizza Pop-up, as well as a few other amazing scholars, and informed them that we are here to support them in any way we can. It felt good to really interact directly with our scholars listen to them. We look forward to more conversations.

As a reminder, our next PTO meeting is on the second Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm. We understand the holidays are upon us and want to give everyone the time needed to focus on their families. Our December family learning theme is "REACS will TRIUMPH together" with guest speaker Dr. La Vonne Erskine. She will elaborate on transforming your mental health through prayer and healing. We will also have several gift card giveaways. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

- Expressed condolences for Ms. Valentine a volunteer for REACS who passed away
- Received information that the Walton Family is considering re-funding the boost program (the summer school funding) They are investigating on re-funding as we speak. REACS is submitting data to them.
- Second floor construction on the new building is underway; December 9th completion date for ceiling, walls and floor; construction is moving on schedule

VI. Finance Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin

VII. Academic Accountability Report

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met 11/22/22 via Zoom
- Discussed admin report with school administration
- Curriculum and plan of actions were discussed
- Foreign language goals were discussed
- Student progress on Pre-K and K

VIII. Personnel Committee Report

A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

- Met 11/22/22 via Zoom
- 1 vacancy
- Continual advertising
- Will be in attendance at job fair this Wednesday (11/30/22)
- Toy giveaway 12/17/22
- Holiday school shows will be: 12/21/22 – 9 am and 10:30 am

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM; next meeting will be 12/19/22

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Wilson