



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Directors Present

C. Williams (remote), L. Hamer (remote), R. Wilson (remote), K. Sandiford (remote), L. Stephens (remote), S. Brown (remote), J. Hurt (remote)

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice (remote)

Guests Present

Dr. Julie Padilla (remote), Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (remote), J. Padilla (remote), T. Muniz (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Williams called a meeting of the board of directors of Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School to order on December 20, 2021 at 6:31 PM

C. Rice made a motion to Approve Agenda.

K. Sandiford seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes

D. C. Rice made a motion to Approve Minutes from November 22, 2021.

K. Sandiford 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 – 36
- K-8 STUDENTS – 437
- SPED STUDENTS – 62
- ELL – 10
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE STUDENTS – 66%

ENROLLMENT: 2021 - 2022

A total of 262 applications are on our waitlist.

13 seats to fill

- 4-K seats
- 3-2 grade
- 1-4th grade
- 1 6th grade
- 3-7th grade
- 1-8th grade

Opened application process for next school year today.

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Budget and cash disbursement reports were given to the board
- Budget has been lowered to reflect lower student population (lowered by \$168,000)
- In good fiscal standing

III. School Leader Report

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

Dr. Julie Padilla

- Completed charter renewal final step with public hearing
- Awaiting board of regents decision (March – May 2022 timeframe)
- Update on COVID-19 issues
- Teacher development/evaluations is ongoing
- Assisting 8 grade student applications
- Shared assessment timeline windows
- Began reading initiatives
- Enrichment and scholar celebration programs are ongoing
- After school enrichment has begun

IV. PTO Report

A. Shinequa Brown

Good evening, executive board, School Leaders, staff, parents and guardians. Our December PTO meeting on Wednesday, December 15th via Zoom, and was attended by about 37 participants. As usual, our School Leaders addressed some questions and concerns of the parents which I attached to my report. (Parent Questions/Concerns List is attached below).

Being that it's December, the PTO had quite a few giveaways. We gave twenty-three (23) of our scholar's gift cards; we had five (5) family giveaways which included \$50 gift cards, a gift basket and a turkey; and two (2) staff giveaways. Our highest seller of the brochure part of the popcorn fundraiser and winner of a \$20 Amazon gift card was Mason Seabourne in 201. Being that there will be just one more virtual event, the overall three (3) highest sellers and teachers of the highest selling class will be announced at the

January meeting.

As for old business, our mask fundraiser is still ongoing. Our Treasurer gave the update on our popcorn fundraiser. As of the meeting we had sold \$9,469.00 worth of popcorn, which means we have made a profit of \$4,734.50. The current PTO bank balance is \$7,133.50. (Please see Cash Flow Statement below) We continue to remind families to encourage scholars to handle all devices with care.

As for new business, we had our elections. Our new 2nd VP is Shakima Greene-Tucker, and the new Communications Secretary is Naomi DeVore. We believe both ladies will be a great asset to the team, especially with their backgrounds in student leadership and the DOE. The PTO announced that we are giving a \$50 gift card to the Tanksley-Toussaint family as an act of our love for our former 2nd VP Ms. Jenyse Tanksley who unfortunately passed away earlier this school year. It was our pleasure to be able to give back and be a blessing to our school community for the holidays.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We are looking forward to what is to come in 2022.

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

- Part of primary transition team for Mayor-elect Eric Adams
- Walkway connecting middle school gym and main building is completed
- Spoke about restoration of grant to Gov. Kathy Hochul
- Meeting tomorrow with our lawyers and the lawyers from the bank on construction project

VI. Finance Report

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin – NO MEETING

VII. Academic Accountability Report

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met 12/14/21 at 6 p.m.
- Admin covered areas discussed in meeting
- Committee is working with administration to provide the best experience for scholars
- Looking for suggestions on improving curriculum from staff

VIII. Personnel Committee Report

A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

- Met 12/6/21
- Discussed vacancies
- Discussed new positions
- 8th grade teacher resignation
- New hire for 6th grade
- 4th grade resignation
- Looking for Middle School Dean

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.

In executive session:

A decision was made after Christmas break to transition to remote learning January 3-7, 2022.

In-Person learning will return January 10, 2022 (C. Williams made the motion, J. Hurt seconded); two potential board member interviews were conducted. K. Sandiford made a motion to accept David Barron and Mitchell Walker as new board members, C. Williams seconded.