



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday April 15, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Platform and In-Person

Directors Present

L. Hamer, C. Williams-Hagins (remote), K. Sandiford, R. Wilson (remote), K. Sandiford, M. Townsend (remote), D. Barron (remote),

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

Guests Present

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie, 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 April 15, 2024 at X:XX PM

R. Wilson made a motion to Approve Agenda.

K. Sandiford seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes

R. Wilson made a motion to Approve Minutes from March 25, 2024

C. Williams-Hagins 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 (Pre-Enrolled) – 436
- SPED STUDENTS – 47
- ELL – 8
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 65%

ENROLLMENT: 2023 – 2024

- Seats to be filled: 1st (6), 2nd (7), 8th (1)

ENROLLMENT: 2024 – 2025

- REACS has received **390** Applications for the 2024-2025 school year. The submission deadline for lottery was April 1st
- Lottery is Tuesday 4/16 and will be hybrid. 24 applications received after 4/1 and will be held on standby

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Draft Budget submitted to finance committee.
- Pre-K contract ends on June 30th; there has not been any renewal or extension received.
- Notice of lease termination will be sent to UPK landlord next week; lawyer is currently reviewing.

ATTACHMENTS

- Budget vs. Actual and Cash disbursement reports were given to the board. School is in a good fiscal position
- Furniture purchasing for new school building has begun with an estimate from Lakeshore learning center. Looking for other quotes.

III. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- The **secure** New York State English Language Arts (ELA) Exam was administered to Grades 3, 4, 6, & 7 on April 11-12, 2024.
- Grades 5 & 8 will take the ELA Computer-Based Test (CBT) on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17, 2024.
- Summer Boost Grant was awarded.
- Congratulations on being accepted to the Summer Boost program launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies! I am pleased to let you know that REACS will receive a grant to implement the 2024 summer learning program outlined in your application. Your award letter outlining the details of your approved grant is attached. We look forward to partnering with you this summer!
- **Literacy Trust will provide 2** AmeriCorps tutors to begin instruction with at-risk scholars as part of our continued collaboration.

SCHOOL CULTURE

- Term Two Honor Roll Awards Distributed to scholars on April 7th
- The lowest 1/3 of scholars will be offered the first Summer Boost seat option.
- Sixth-grade Teacher Ms. Evans is a published author. Planning another book signing event.
- Career Day/ College Day Flyer Proposal

PERSONNEL REPORT

- Hiring Committee established
- 3 Teachers planning for FMLA leave this spring

IV. PTO Report – NO REPORT

Margie Townsend

- Pizza was provided from PTO for scholars taking the ELA tests last week.

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

VI. Finance Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin

VII. Academic Accountability Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

VIII. Personnel Committee Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Hamer stated the need for hard dates for committee meetings in order to establish contracts, spending for new school year, etc. The following dates are as follows: March 15th is deadline for budget; previous year data should be provided by November; middle of year data should be April and end of Year data should be given by July. Board members are encouraged to be available for June meeting for an extensive executive session for vacant positions that need to be filled by July 1st; goals also need to be established by July and approved budget needs to be submitted to the state by end of June. Ms. S. Brown spoke about the Albany rally for state charter school support. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7: PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson