



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday October 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice (remote)

Guests Present

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (remote), 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 on October 23, 2023 at 6:36 PM

R. Wilson made a motion to Approve Agenda.

D. Barron seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes

C. Williams made a motion to Approve Minutes from September 25, 2023

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 – 36
- K-8 STUDENTS (Pre-Enrolled) – 434
- SPED STUDENTS –
- ELL – 7
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 65%

ENROLLMENT: 2023 – 2024

- Seats to be filled: K (2), 1st (6), 2nd (5), 4th (3)
- Total applications on waitlist: 248

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- School food (Red Rabbit/vendor)
- 10/10/23 REACS received official approval from NYS nutrition. We can now start to receive reimbursement for billing.
- Snacks has started on 10/18/23.
- Income verification in the process (snap/Medicad)
- Preparing documents for audit
- Preparing documents for accountability reporting due on 11/1 NYC
- Annual Report due 11/1 NYS
- Poverty report due 11/3/2023
- REACS leadership team with Ops is in the process of preparing documents for the ESF monitoring review from NYSED. All schools that received covid-19 funding (Esser/Arp grants) over the last (3) years will have to submit documents to NYS for review.

ATTACHMENTS

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

III. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie/

Ms. Kimylene Hover

Teaching and Learning

Finalizing BOY Assessments

- EARLY Bird (PREK, K, 1 – Screener)
- I-ready ELA/Math
- Envision Math
- Into Reading

Academic After School started 10/18 for target scholars in grades 2-8 using BOY Data
Interventionist teachers focus on moving students from the cusp of meeting grade-level standards using these assessment results and BOY Data.

- Grades K-4 Interventionist working with Literacy Trust for ELA Professional Development
- Grades 5-8 Interventionist Lavinia Group

K-8 Legacy Pathway Math Content Knowledge and Legacy Labs for Spiraled Scholar practice

- Legacy Lab Showcase with visiting schools 10/19/23
Observation Cycle One – Begins 10/23/23 Environment, BB, Lesson Flow, Checks for Understanding, Co-Teaching, Student Voice, 3 Turns & Talks, Explicit teaching, Differentiation, Lesson Pacing

2023-24 Testing with 5 & 8 Computer-Based Testing (CBT)

- Science, ELA, Math
- Chromebooks are not compatible with CBT

School Culture

October Cultural Assembly recognized scholar leadership for September 2023

Anti-Bullying Assemblies – **Being Egypt** 10/16/23

- K-4 & 5-8 All Scholars
- Class Workshops – Focus Grades 5 and 6
- Parent Workshop during PTO Meeting

Enrichment Residencies (during the school day)

- Chess, Karate, Books Alive

After School Enrichments

- Basketball, Track, Soccer, Cheer, Girl Scout, Chorus, Dance Kids, Ambassadors, Young Men

Looking Ahead

- Character Day 10/27/23
- ½ Day Professional Learning – Focus on Ongoing Support of new ELA/Math Curriculum
- November 7 Election Day PD
- Parent Workshops (TBA)
 - Envisions Math K-8
 - Into Reading K-5
 - My Perspective 6-8
- Homecoming Week Nov. 13-17
- Report Card #1 & Parent Teacher Conferences November 16

Personnel Report

- The grade 4 teacher vacancy is filled
- The Grade 5 TA position is filled
- AP Dr. Clay is on Leave through December 2023
- STEM Teacher Search continues (Certified Science/Math Teacher preferred)

IV. PTO Report

Margie Townsend

- Held on 10/16
- Waived September minutes
- Filled vacancy C. Johnson-Williams was voted as PTO board secretary
- Looked to increase parent engagement through giveaways (3 were held on 10/16)
- Received treasurer's report from popcorn fundraiser (\$1K in proceeds going to the PTO from sales)
- Pizza pop-up held 10/20 during lunch
- Received Principal's report
- Received Parent Coordinator's report
- Held parent workshop (Being Egypt)
- Received dated from School Leader
- Next PTO meeting will be 11/8

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

Maintenance/Facility, and new Construction:

- Roof level 100% complete (protective padding to be added after inspection)
- Elevator mechanics began their preliminary work last week (estimated eight weeks)
- All walls have been erected and sheet rocking is about 90% complete and prep for painting.
- HYAC external units mounted and wired. (18 units)
- Tile work is completed on 1st floor.
- October Draw represents the second withdrawal from the construction loan (see attached G702 and G703).

VI. Finance Report

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin – NO REPORT

VII. Academic Accountability Report

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met virtually 10/17
- Discussed assessment results; resulting in a focused goal for grades 3-8; strategies were also given
- ELA strategies were discussed
- Looking to track summer school data better
- New curriculum material discussed
- Beginning of the year assessments were discussed as well as observations
- Saturday academy was discussed
- Parent/Teacher concerns were discussed
- No recommendations for the school or board were given

VIII. Personnel Committee Report

A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford

- Met virtually 10/17
- Discussed vacancies
- Looking for a STEM teacher but have not opened the position up yet.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.
In executive session:

- An H/R consultant was discussed