



# Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

## Minutes

### REACS Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday December 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

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#### **Directors Present**

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

#### **Directors Absent**

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

C. Rice (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (remote), Dr. Claytisha Walden (remote), Ms. Kimylene Hover (remote), Tawanna Muniz (remote)

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### **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 December 19, 2022 at 6:35 PM

C. Williams made a motion to Approve Agenda.

R. Wilson seconded the motion.

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

### C. Approve Minutes

K. Sandiford made a motion to Approve Minutes from November 28, 2022

L. Stephens 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 – 435
- SPED STUDENTS – 50
- ELL – 4
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 68%

#### ENROLLMENT: 2022 - 2023

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

#### COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Campaign for 2023-2024 Enrollment has started
- Website updated: [www.reacschool.com](http://www.reacschool.com)
- Facebook page updated
- Enrollment flyer created
- 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

- K-8 grade scholars are currently completing the i-ready assessment.

January Data Report

- Saturday Academy begins January 7, 2023, for scholars in grades 3-8.

#### • Pre-Kindergarten Focus

**PK.AC.5.** Demonstrates a growing expressive vocabulary

- a. Uses facial expressions, body language, gestures, home language, and/or sign language to engage in reciprocal conversations
- b. Increasingly uses more complex words in conversations
- c. Uses new and rare words introduced by adults or peer
- Implementing additional support for math instruction with Legacy Pathways.

#### School Culture

- Scholar Honor Roll Awards presentation – Wednesday, December 16, 2022
- Holiday Performance – Wednesday, December 21, 2022
- 9:00 am - PreK-Grade 4
- 10:30 am - Grades 5-8
- Zoom
- Enrichment Cycle 1 completed. New Cycle begins in January. Classes will be switched to have a different enrichment experience.

### **Health Concern**

- As the COVID-19 numbers rise REACS is taking the following precautions.
- Sent home additional at-home COVID-19 test kits
- Additional deep cleaning
- Recommended wearing masks indoors as recommended by DOHMH
- Smile Dentist visit December 19-20 & January 3-4
- DOH Doctor Visit December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Personnel Report**

- The Middle School Physical Education Teacher vacancy-offer pending
- Occupation Therapist resigned
- Staff Holiday Party December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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 December 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Our December theme was "REACS will TRIUMPH together" with NJWC's very own Dr. LaVonn Erskine, TRIUMPH Study Program Director Catherine Squirewell and Deacon Veronica Marshall. Their amazing presentation explained the TRIUMPH study was about Transforming Your Mental Health Through Prayer and Healing. Again, our parents seemed interested in the information they received, and we were proud to partner with NJWC yet again. around Covid updates, myths regarding the virus and vaccinations and great information.

Of course, it wasn't just an informative meeting but of course it was also our holiday meeting which means we had giveaways for everyone. One REACS staff member won a \$25 Visa gift card and two (2) parents each won a \$25 gift card as well. The big giveaway was to the scholars. We gave away Amazon cards to each scholar whose name was entered in the chat, so we gave away over 20 Amazon gift cards. We also handed Mr. Pinnock two stamped envelopes that each contained a \$50 Visa gift card, so he could mail them to two (2) REACS families from the PTO.

We welcomed our new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the PTO, Ms. Margie Townsend. She will officially start her position on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are so eager to have her join our Executive Board. As mentioned last month, we met Ms. JaniceMarie Hamm, Director of the New Jerusalem Worship Center Faithworks Theater Ministry. On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the premiere of her Christmas production, "The Truth About Christmas" and let everyone know it was simply amazing. It also showcased many of our REACS scholars. The PTO believes it's important to show support to our scholars in other areas of their lives, outside of their school hours. So not only did I attend the play, but I also attended the basketball game on Saturday to watch our elementary Rochdale Ravens. Seeing their peers and school community rooting for them can only help build confidence.

As far as Classroom Parents go, we still need classroom parents for 101, 401, 602, 701, and 702. So, if any parents from these classes would like to help further support their class teachers, please email PTO with your interest. Speaking of classrooms, the PTO executive board rearranged their work schedules and donated their time and vision to decorate some classroom doors. (Pictures Attached)

The Pizza Pop-up Fundraiser seems to be going well. We heard the parents and so our next Pizza Pop up will include grades 3 through 5, as well Middle School and all staff. We are asking all parents and staff to please pre-order a pizza lunch that day, so we have a better idea of how

many pizza pies to order. Monies for pre-orders can be sent via our Cash App at \$reacspto or Zelle using 347-665-3800. The Pizza pre-order form can be found on our Linktree, and our Linktree link can be found under our PTO tab on the school's website. We also have been doing well with the popcorn fundraiser. As of the meeting, our scholars have sold over \$19,000.00 worth of popcorn (we only get 50% of sales), which in turn has put us in a good financial position. (Cash Flow Statement attached) We thank everyone who has shown their support. We will have just one more virtual event from Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The new virtual code has been sent via email. If you did not receive it, please send PTO an email. All winners will be announced at our January PTO meeting. PTO is doing our best to keep up the energy up.

As a reminder, our next PTO meeting is on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and we focus on giving our families tools to cope with anxiety or depression being that our scholars will begin preparing to take their state tests. On behalf of PTO, I would like wish everyone a very Happy Holidays. We remind everyone to stay safe, as the numbers are on the rise, and please do your due diligence to keep your community safe.

## **V. CEO Report**

### **A. Bishop Calvin Rice**

#### **Maintenance/Facility and new Construction:**

- Steel Construction has progressed to the second level and the contractor expects to pour the concrete on the second floor within the next two weeks, afterwards they will begin framing and enclosing the outside walls on the first floor.
- The main electrical panel is in place electrical conduits are being ran in the basement.
- We will be adding outside lighting under the canopy at the front entrance and improving the walkway from the gym to the main building.
- We close the construction loan with M & T Bank on Friday and funds are now available as per certified vouchers approved by the bank examiner. To date we have expensed approximately **2.5 million** in construction.
- Ms. Leslie and I submitted a grant to **BLAAC** for funding of a cafeteria.
- I nominated Ms. Brown to be the parent advocate with BLAAC as when we lobby in Albany for charter school funds.
- **REACS** scholars participated with NJWC Faith Works Theatrical group in the annual Christmas play which was phenomenal.
- **REACS** scholars were invited to a toy give away on Saturday 17, Sponsored by Councilwoman Natasha Williams. Ms. Muniz and Rev. Brown coordinated with NJWC Evangelistic and Missions ministry in turning the gym into a winter wonderland of food, fun and gifts for approximately 600 families.

## **VI. Finance Report – NO REPORT**

### **A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin**

## **VII. Academic Accountability Report – NO MEETING**

### **A. Mrs. Chene Williams**

## **VIII. Personnel Committee Report – NO MEETING**

### **A. Mrs. Kamala Sandiford**

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM. Next meeting will be January 23, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.

In executive session:

- An administrative matter was discussed
- Fundraising efforts were discussed