



February 2014 Board of Trustees Minutes February 24, 2014

Dr. Lillian Hamer, REACS Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Chairperson Hamer requested verification from the members present of “The Notice of Meeting” sent to each of the members of the board via email. Each member noted the proper notification was received.

Pursuant to the NY State Public Meetings Law the public notice of meeting was provided in the following manner thus meeting the law’s requirement of media and public notice:

Public Posting at REACS Office

REACS Website

Newspaper Notice

Chairperson Hamer called upon for the calling of the roll of the board.

Members present: Dr. Lillian Hamer, Chene Williams, Marcia Anglin, Dr. Calvin Rice [Ex-officio], Lorraine Stephens, Damian Benons, Ron Wilson, Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie, and Kamla T. Sandiford (pending approval).

Member absent: Alicia Doctor [Parent Trustee]

Also present were: Dr. Lena Richardson, Principal, Tawana Muniz, Business and Operations Manager, Mike Estep, Consultant. They were given the rights of the floor to speak during the meeting by common consent.

Chairperson Hamer offered opportunity for any questions from the public. Several questions were presented by those present with answers being provided for each one raised.

1. Chairperson Hamer presented the agenda for the February 24, 2014 meeting. Chairperson Hamer called for the agenda approval. A motion was made to approve minutes by Chene Williams. The motion was seconded by Ron Wilson and was approved unanimously.
2. Chairperson Hamer called for minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ron Wilson. It was seconded by Chene Williams. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Chairperson Hamer called on Dr. Calvin Rice, CEO to present his report.

A. Dr. Rice called on Tawanna Muniz to present the Business and Operations Manager report.



- Ms. Muniz reviewed the July 1, 2013 – February 24, 2014 Financial Report (Attachment #1). REACS finances remain in good standing.
- Ms. Muniz reported that the Candy and Picture Day raised \$4850.00 dollars
- Dr. Hamer, Board Chair, requested changes in the monthly financial report format to reflect actual YTD budgets to support the ending balance.
- By common consent the Board requested that the \$50,000 loan forgiveness by the NYC Charter School Center be transferred at year-end as a restricted capital fund contribution.

B. Dr. Rice called on Dr. Lena Richardson, principal to present her report. Dr. Richardson reported on the following:

- Parent/Teacher conferences will occur during the month of March.
- Dr. Seuss Day is scheduled (a day of reading all Dr. Seuss books for students)
- March 5 - Parent Workshop will focus on mathematics for grade 3 and 4.
- March is Science Fair Month; March 10 is the date the fair and projects will be fully displayed.
- March 12, Chinese New Year celebration will take place featuring the Chinese American Company as performers.

C. No Parent Trustee report due to the absence of Alicia Doctor, Parent Trustee.

D. Dr. Rice gave an update of the facility project. Dr. Rice will be meeting with the developer this week. Attorneys (for mortgage company, school, church and developers) are working together to file a notice to attorney general's office for approval for the use of the land to build across the street for the new building.

A discussion followed concerning the potential of expanding the school from K-5 to K-8. A letter was authorized, by common consent, to be sent by the Board Chair to the NYC DOE to explore expansion possibilities of either K-8 or K-6.

Chairperson Hamer expressed appreciation for Dr. Rice, Ms. Muniz, and Dr. Richardson for their reports.

4. Dr. Hamer called for the standing Committee Reports:

- Academic Accountability – Two meetings see attached. (Attachments #2 & #3)
- Finance – No meeting since January Board meeting.
- Fundraising – No meeting since January Board meeting.
- Personnel – See attached for approval of one new employee contract. (Attachment #4).



Report was approved by common consent.

5. Ms. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie
Secretary