

REACS minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom video conference service

October 26, 2020

Attendees: R. Wilson, L. Hamer, S. Fairclough-Leslie, T. Muniz, K. Sandiford, C. Williams, L. Stephens, M. Anglin, D. A. Seabourne, C. Rice, Dr. J. Padilla, K. Sandiford

After a short welcome from L. Hamer, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Verification of public notice was sent and confirmed.

The agenda was reviewed; R. Wilson made a motion to accept the agenda; K. Sandiford, seconded; motion was passed.

The minutes were reviewed from 9/28/20. C. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections; C. Rice seconded; motion was passed.

Business Operations Report – T. Muniz

UPK Students	36
K-7	394
SPED Students	49
ELL Students	7
Economic Disadvantaged Students	

- As of 10/26/20 there are 394 students on the roster for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 434 students on current waitlist.
- Continuing to meet with parents to pick up technology and books for REACS scholars.
- Internet hotspots are needed for families of scholars and have been provided via T-Mobile.
- New ID cards have been made for staff.
- Facebook page for the school has begun.
- Received \$65K in stimulus funds from NYS last week, part of balance from per pupil funding last year.
- Compiling documents and data for reporting requirements due on 11/20/20.
- 2020-2021 Financial Audit is complete; audit call on 10/26/20 to finalize.
- Financial Summary, cash disbursement and calendar of reporting requirements reports were given to the board, in good financial position.
- Looking to replace old smartboards in from 2012 in classrooms with issues. A suggestion was made from L. Hamer to check our promethean boards that could replace the affected smartboards.

CEO Report – Dr. Rice – NO REPORT

Principal Report – S. Fairclough-Leslie/Dr. J. Padilla

Spoke on math focus areas for REACS (staff receiving professional development). Dr. J. Padilla spoke on new generation ELA standards and ELA focuses. Observations (informal) will be concluded by this week's end (Teachers and T.A.'s). Will determine via data which teachers need more coaching/development. S.

Fairclough-Leslie spoke on intervention plans for scholars needing extra help. Virtual after-school program for grades 2-7 will begin next week (will go through April). Saturday school will begin in January 2020. Regents prep will begin with 7th grade students soon. Testing dates for NYC schools were given out; Jan 12th – 14 will try computer base testing to see if network can handle the new format. In November new report card formats will be given out and virtual meetings with parents will commence. Dr. J. Padilla spoke on Ops department who is handling all communication with parents concerning any issues and concerns; parent workshops will also be scheduled to address any parent concerns in detail. S. Fairclough-Leslie spoke on enrichment plans that will take place virtually in January. Dr. J. Padilla spoke on leadership program with the student's school wide (The leader in me). A few resignations have been submitted since last meeting. Vote needed for 2 replacements.

Academic Report – C. Williams

Met 10/19; Admin report was discussed in detail and discussed Measurable Results Assessment (MRA) looking for 80% or more. Looking for ELA improvement in scholars. Discussed possible adjustments in school were to close because of COVID-19 as well as enrichment programs for scholars.

Personnel Report – K. Sandiford

3 resignations and have vacancy in science. Looking for a vote for new hires and COVID-19 adjustments in personnel handbook.

PTO Report – D. A. Seabourne

Virtual PTO meeting held 10/21; 22 participants. Given updates on afterschool and enrichment programs as well as parent meetings. Parents had concerns with math and needed help; bussing concerns were also addressed. Candidates are still needed for PTO board to recruit parents for PTO board via robocall, class dojo. Looking to have nominees for November meeting for 5 open positions. Popcorn fundraiser began 10/7; will send codes to interested parties and popcorn will be delivered via mail (at an extra charge). Deposits will take place via cashapp or check, no cash. Mask fundraiser will also begin later in the month. Speak with school leadership monthly for school needs; Bank balance of \$7K.

Finance Report – M. Anglin

Finance met 10/22; main purpose of meeting was to look at the various financial situations facing REACS and incentives for staff for hard work for this school year. C. Rice updated the finance committee with the loan information for school expansion.

Fundraising – NO REPORT

L. Hamer thanked all for attending, thanked school leadership, board, and staff and parents for attending meeting and hard work during this pandemic. Next board meeting 11/23/20; meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. and executive session was held after.

In executive session, C. Rice gave board loan update on school expansion and personnel matters were discussed. The following hires were put to a vote: G. Sligh (Intervention) started 10/26, T. Bettinschi (Social Studies) started 10/19. R. Wilson made the motion to hire, M. Anglin seconded; vote was passed with no abstains or objections.