

October 20th, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie, Board Secretary

Dr. Lillian Hamer, REACS Board Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the July Regular Meeting at 6: 40 PM.

Chairperson Hamer requested verification from the members present of "The Notice of Meeting" sent to 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 the law's requirement of media and public notice:

- Public Posting at REACS Office
- REACS Website

Chairperson Hamer called upon Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie, Secretary of the Board of Directors to call the roll.

Members present: Dr. Lillian Hamer, Marcia Anglin, Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie, Damian Benons, Ron Wilson, Alicia Doctor, Chene Williams, Kamla Sandiford, Lorraine Stephens
Members

Absent: none

Also present: Dr. Calvin Rice, CEO, Dr. Lena Richardson, Principal, Mr. Derrick Dunlap, Assistant Principal, Ms. Tawanna Muniz, Business and Operations Manager. They were given the rights of the floor to speak during the meeting by common consent.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the July 21, 2014 Regular meeting with necessary corrections by common consent.

Chairperson Hamer offered an opportunity for any questions from the public. Chairperson Hamer called for the approval of the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was approved by common consent.

Parents who were present asked questioned several questions the start of the 2014-15 school year. The members of the board and the school staff responded to the questions and concerns.

Chairperson Hamer called on Dr. Rice to present reports from the following:

1. **Ms. Tawanna Muniz, Business and Operations Manager.**

- 32 UPK seats filled
 - Smart boards are installed and the laptops at the annex
 - Bussing issues are resolved
 - 9/18/14 School Food Inspection had no findings
 - Budget is in line with projections
2. **Dr. Lena Richardson, Principal**
- Testing - The Terra Nova was completed and sent out for scoring and the Fountas & Pinnell as well as the Go Math testing results will be available to parents prior to Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov. 13, 2014
 - Character Day Parade on 10/30/14
 - Extended Support for Grades 3-5 to start on 10/21/14

3. **PTO Report**

PTO Folders - there are concerns about money collection process Candy sale Classroom Parents

4. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Academic/Personnel committee** - Attachment Ms. Williams reported that there is a Grade 3 vacancy, One Teacher's Assistant, & Guidance Counselor.
- B. **Finance committee** - Ms. Anglin that we are spending within the budget and will look into getting smart boards for Grade one
- C. **Fundraising** - no report
- D. Dr. Rice provided updates on facilities including the need for an additional custodian at the annex, construction at the annex, Expansion plan to include Middle School.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Regular meeting was adjourned by common consent.

Executive session followed.