



# Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

## Minutes

### REACS Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday May 24, 2021 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), L. Stephens (remote), M. Anglin (remote), S. Brown (remote)

**Directors Absent****Ex Officio Members Present**

C. Rice (remote)

**Guests Present**

Dr. Julie Padilla (remote), Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie (remote)

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

- C.** Williams called a meeting of the board of directors of Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School to order on May 24, 2021 at 6:42 PM

## II. Business & Operations Report

### A. Mrs. Tawana Muniz – Absent - No Report

## III. School Leader Report

Mrs. Sylvia Fairclough-Leslie/Dr. Julie Padilla

### DOE SPRING VISIT

- May 26, 2021
  - Focus question: How is the board/leadership/staff using data to support scholars and enhance their development? How does the data inform practices moving forward?

### May Spring Conferences

- Occurred the week of May 10th, no Report Cards

### Interim Assessment Data

- ANET A3 took place April 13 and 15th. Testing period was opened through the entire following week. Data debrief with admin and instructional coaches and Dr. Rice occurred on May 5th at 1pm, and debrief with admin, instructional coaches, and teachers.
  - Results:
    - Overall, REACS scored +5% above the ANet Network in ELA, with **ALL** grades scoring above the ANet Network.
    - Overall, REACS scored +4% above the ANet Network in math, with **ALL** grades scoring above the Network.
  - End of Year Assessment will take place:
    - ANET A4 - May 25th and May 28th
    - iReady - June 1st and June 3rd

### Schoolwide Activities

- Administration for the 2021 NYC School Survey
- Staff Appreciation May 3-7
- Picture Days (Graduates only by appointments) - May 18-19
- Mental Health Awareness Week May 31st-June 4th
- Virtual Enrichment Showcase - June 9th
- Clerical Day - June 10th (Asynchronous for scholars - work on International Day Projects) Teachers prepare Final Report Cards, Awards, Slideshow for ceremonies, etc.
  - Virtual Career Day, June 11th
  - Virtual Class Awards Ceremony
    - Tuesday, June 15, 2021
      - Grade 1 - 9:00 - 10:00 AM
      - Grade 2 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
      - Grade 3 - 12:30 - 1:30 PM
    - Wednesday, June 16, 2021
      - Grade 7 - 8:30 - 9:30 AM
      - Grade 6 - 9:30 - 10:30 AM
      - Grade 4 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM
  - Virtual Graduations

■ Thursday, June 17, 2021 for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 5th

grade

- School Spirit Week - June 21
- Final Report Cards Distributed- June 22
- Virtual International Day - June 23
- Last day of school - REACS had an extra calendar day. The school year will end on June 24th. No school on June 25th.

### **Summer School 2021**

- Offering virtual and in-person for scholars in grades Rising K-7 (middle school fully remote). Priority for promotion in doubt scholars, if available room- spots will be offered to families.
- Maintain physical distance in classrooms and follow all CDC, NYS and NYC DOH protocols.
- Monday - Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00 noon, July 6th - August 5th. Week 1 is Tuesday to Friday due to 4th of July being observed on July 5th.
- Weekly Parent Workshops - Focused on the home-to-school connection to support scholars.

### **NYSED 2021-22 School Year COVID-19 Snow Day Pilot Program**

- As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to provide districts with flexibility in meeting local needs, the Department is extending through the 2021-22 school year the pilot to enable school districts to pivot to remote instruction on what would otherwise be a day of school closure due to weather and non-weather emergencies, including but not limited to snow, floods, tornadoes, and building fires.
  - To count such days as a day of instruction, the district must provide remote instruction to all enrolled students, including those who may have been scheduled to attend in person instruction on that day. Such remote instruction must be of the same quality and rigor as instruction provided on a typical day and consistent with district instructional plans.
  - Districts electing to exercise this option are in session and must continue to provide transportation and other required services to charter and nonpublic schools on such days if such schools remain open.
    - <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/memo-2021-22-snow-day-pilot-5-2021.pdf>

### **Develop REACS 2021-22 School Calendar**

#### **IV. PTO Report**

##### **Shinequa Brown**

Good evening Executive board, school leaders, staff, parents and guardians. Our May PTO meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19th via Zoom, and was attended by about 45 participants including our school leaders and a few of our lovely teachers. As usual, our School Leaders addressed some questions and concerns of the parents which, as you can see from the attached list, mostly revolved around REACS having a Summer Program. (Parent Questions/Concerns List is attached below).

The PTO was aimed at appreciating our teachers and having some family fun. So, we did a special teacher's giveaway of a \$25 gift card and a REACS face mask; and our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Anderson won. Our executive board

members expressed special messages to our teachers to let them know how valuable they are and them for their dedication to our scholars.

As for old business, we let parents know that the PTO gave the REACS staff gift cards for Appreciation Day earlier this month. The staff was extremely grateful and as a surprise, Ms. Hover, one of our great Kindergarten teachers, gave a very warm heartfelt thank you message on behalf of the staff. We gave an update on our mask fundraiser. You can still buy one mask for \$6 or two for \$10 via our Cash App \$REACSPTO and they will be mailed directly to you. As of the May 16th, we have sold 141 and have about 200 maroon remaining. Our two (2) highest selling scholars will be announced at our June PTO Meeting. Our Treasurer, Ms. Seabourne, gave the financial update and our current PTO bank balance is \$4,401.51. (Please see a year-to-date financial summary attached)

As for new business, we let everyone know that the graduation gifts for Pre-k, K, and 5th Grade's have been ordered. The plan to is show the exact gifts at the June PTO meeting. We also held our elections for the 2021-22 school year. No one submitted an interest before our ballot closed on May 14, 2021 and our current Executive Board was still interested in being on the board. So, we took a vote, no one opposed or abstained, and our current board was voted back in for the upcoming school year. We are excited and I'm grateful I will get another year to serve as PTO President.

After all our business was said and done, it was time for some family fun! Ms. Sandra Smalls, aka Ms. Fitness, from Fitt Bodies joined and conducted a dance workout class for 30 minutes. It was fun and our scholars really got into the class. As usual, our PTO minutes recap from each meeting can still be found on our REACS website under the PTO tab by the end of each month. Of course, we will continue to think of ways to help support our REACS community and keep everyone involved.

## **V. CEO Report**

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

- Waiting to hear from DOB (Department of Buildings) to begin new school construction.

## **VI. Finance Report**

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

- TBD

## **VII. Academic Accountability Report**

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

- Held on 5/12/21 via zoom online platform discussed the following:
- End-of-year plans
- Discussed summer school plans
- Discussed student assessment data

## **VIII. Personnel Committee Report**

### **Mrs. Kamala Sandiford**

- TBD

## **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Wilson

The meeting was adjourned for executive session.

In executive session: C. Williams nominated Jerome Hurd to the REACS School board; R Wilson seconded; vote was passed.