

REACS minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom video conference service

January 25, 2021

Attendees: R. Wilson, L. Hamer, S. Fairclough-Leslie, T. Muniz, C. Williams, L. Stephens, S. Brown, 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; C. Williams seconded; motion was passed.

The minutes were reviewed from 12/21/20. L Stephens made a motion to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections; R. Wilson seconded; motion was passed.

Business Operations Report – T. Muniz

UPK Students	33
K-7	396
SPED Students	50
ELL Students	7
Economic Disadvantaged Students	68%

- As of 1/25/21 there are 391 students on the wait list for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Open enrollment for the '21-'22 school year began January 4, 2021.
- Continuing to meet with parents to pick up technology and books for REACS scholars.
- Preparing for the Year-End W2's and 1099 forms due 1/31/21.
- Charter office is hosting a virtual career fair and REACS will be represented (will be held on 2/6/21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m).
- Preparation is underway for the Annual Comprehensive Review (ACR) due February 1, 2021.
- REACS could be eligible for a new COVID-19 grant from NYSED which will provide up to \$49,000.00.
- CEO James Merriman from the Charter Center met with charter schools to discuss the proposed budget presented by the Governor. As of now not sure of the impact; exact dollars for charter schools will be known shortly.
- Financial Summary, cash disbursement and calendar of reporting requirements reports were given to the board, in good financial position.

CEO Report – Dr. Rice

In the midst of finalizing all construction for new school building (permits, etc.) due to the banking change from REACS concerning the financing loan.

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

REACS remains fully remote as of 1/25/21. The remote schedule remains the same as the in-person schedule (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. breaks in between and 1 hour lunch). COVID-19 vaccine available to

REACS staff. Information session with newly assigned liaison from NYC DOH will be shared with staff. Springboard partnership for grades K-4 began this month; REACS Admin will be facilitation 3 parent workshops this month with Co-Teach an organization that works to foster partnerships between schools and families. Admin continues to support teachers via Zoom; observations are taking place this month. Continuing to receive Math and ELA support; observations and support occurs via Zoom platform. Counselors and teachers are continuing the 'Leader in Me' curriculum which supports social-emotional learning and confidence in scholars. After school programming is going well and has been extended this month to grades K-1 and is continuing for the remainder of the scholars to aid in the building up of their skills (2 ten-week cycles started 1/21). Gave update to Saturday Instructional programming which will begin in February. Gave update on '21-'22 school year planning (have not received an overwhelming response from REACS teachers).

Academic Report – C. Williams

Met 1/12/21 via zoom online platform. Covered standards being addressed through the curriculum. Talked about ANET and the curriculum and student data crunching. No word on school reopening due to COVID numbers and spoke about additional laptops for 3rd graders.

Personnel Report – K. Sandiford – NO REPORT

We have openings for an Assistant Principal and a Science teacher. The school's hiring committee is still in the process of reviewing resumes for a Science teacher. Ms. Leslie advises that she has received limited Assistant Principal Applicants. The School Administration has 2 staff proposals for the board to discuss in this evening's executive session.

PTO Report – S. Brown

Meeting held 12/20/20 virtually via the zoom meeting platform (50 participants along with administration and staff). All gift cards have been mailed out to students but because of postal delays, not all cards have arrived. The popcorn fundraiser ended 12/25 - \$9,306.00 of total sales and PTO made a profit of \$4,653.00. PTO bank account was given to the board (in a good financial position). Looking to help purchasing devices returning to school from scholars that have been damaged. REACS is meeting with parents to help them care properly for devices. February's PTO meeting has been cancelled and will resume in March.

Finance Report – M. Anglin – NO REPORT

Fundraising – NO REPORT

L. Hamer thanked all for attending, thanked school leadership, board, and staff and parents for attending meeting and continued hard work during this pandemic. Next board meeting 2/22/21; meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. and board held executive session. In executive session the board R. Wilson made a motion to agree to the new construction resolution with M&T Bank. K. Sandiford made a motion for a materisl change the role of T. Muniz from Business Operations Manager to Director of Operations. C. Williams made a motion to hire an interventionist at REACS while Ms. Davis is out.