



Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday November 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Location

Genesee Building-Middle School

Trustees Present

D. Calder (remote), J. Santos, K. Crawford, M. Gedemenli, M. Guler, W. Middleton, Y. Bilgic

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Cheryl Sampson, D. Ozcan, J. Doyle, Jorge Soto Sr., M. Demirtas, Z. Ercan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

The Board welcomed the family of Jorge Soto Jr. and recognized them for sharing Jorge's story of success at RACS. Jorge's father, step mother and sister attended.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Gedemenli called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday Nov 17, 2017 at 5:50 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

D. Calder made a motion to Approve Board Meeting on 10-20-17.

K. Crawford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Community Outreach/Development

A. PR report

Zehra and Jean presented- October events

- Board appreciation
- Shared upcoming events

III. Academic Excellence

A. Director's Report

Enrollment is 419- still at full enrollment for the year.

Academic Excellence Committee met on Monday with all the administration academic excellence plans were updated.

Recommendation to add steps surrounding multiple disciplinary referrals within the Code of Conduct. The step requires a letter at 10 referrals, parent meeting at 20 and 30, and hearing at 40. Joann initiated the vote, Mustafa seconded and everyone voted yes.

Media FOIL request- RACS board has always been operating transparently, ethically, and legally as well as being good stewards of public money.

Mehmet shared all information with the State Charter School Director. NYS Charter School Director confirmed that NYS Charter School Office approved both lease/purchase process of the building.

B. Referral Action Steps Revision

J. Santos made a motion to accept.

M. Guler seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Academic Excellence Committee Report

Academic excellence committee recommends acceptance of the building level academic success plans.

Y. Bilgic made a motion to accept.

J. Santos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Finance, Facilities & Audit

A. Financials

Business Manager presented the financial summary- received 47% of budget, expended 26%

Vendors and expenditures were detailed. Top costs are employee benefits.

The board reviewed the balance sheets which are attached.

B. Elementary School Building

Needs:

- Elementary building
- Gym for the HS

Elementary building needs- current and future- shared three options.

Purchase options- only two building to buy in 3 weeks of searching. Purchase options require significant renovation. Two rental options (2 year incubation period), and one new build option.

Request for the finance committee to meet with a lawyer and architect to get estimates on building on our land in Greece. Meeting will be scheduled.

Approval needed to begin negotiations with St. Charles for renting the school building for Elementary School.

M. Guler made a motion to move forward with negotiations.

M. Gedemenli seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Form 990 Presentation

This is a form that must be reviewed and put up for a vote at the next board meeting.

V. Governance

A. Board on Track- workshop/networking events

Board on Track rep wants Board members to participate in presentations with them. This discussion revealed that there was more for our board to learn around Board on Track.

B.

Strategic Planning

The search for a consultant for Strategic Planning- The candidate is Todd Butler, met with Board president and Director and they recommend him. We only have to cover 10-20% of the whole cost. Process typically costs \$8-\$10K.

J. Santos made a motion to allow the school to hire the consultant Todd Butler for Strategic Planning and negotiate a price up to \$5K.

K. Crawford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Administrative assistant to work exclusively with board

J. Santos made a motion to approve the job description and post the job. The job will pay \$15 per hour for 10 hours per week.

Y. Bilgic seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Revisions on Policies 8 and 12 in the Employee Handbook

Few minor changes, edited and posted on Board on Track. Revised version is aligned to the full policy manual.

J. Santos made a motion to accept the changes in the leave policy for paid leave time.

D. Calder seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Other Business

A. Staff Update

New ELA teacher- she is a returning teacher, worked for 3 years and returned.

M. Guler made a motion to Accept the hiring recommendations.

J. Santos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Gedemenli made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Crawford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Doyle