



# Rochester Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Friday January 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

1757 Latta Rd

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#### Trustees Present

C. Sampson, D. Calder, J. Santos, K. Crawford, M. Guler, Y. Bilgic

#### Trustees Absent

W. Middleton

#### Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

J. Santos, M. Guler

#### Guests Present

D. Ozcan, D. Wilkinson, J. Doyle, Jennifer Aronson-Jovcevski, M. Demirtas, M. Stevens, Sam Martina, T. Manchester, Z. Ercan

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Sampson called a meeting of the board of trustees of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Friday Jan 17, 2020 at 5:29 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

D. Calder made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-20-19.

K. Crawford seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. Circle of Trust Touchstones & Constructivist Listening**

M. Guler arrived.

J. Doyle arrived late.

In order to create a safe space where we can discuss race-related topics, M. Demirtas offered using two tools that was taught in the professional development that he attended.

The first being the Circle of Trust Touchstones and the second being Constructive Listening Dyads. The guidelines were shared.

J. Santos arrived.

#### **E. Community Building Circle - Restorative Justice Practices (RJP)**

In our first year of the implementation of the RJPs, we started with the community building circles with the staff and students. In order to inform our board members and include them in the process, we did a community circle with all attendees in the board meeting and our schoolwide coordinator, Mr. Martina led the circle.

### **II. Academic Excellence and Equity**

#### **A. Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### **B. Student Performance Reports**

The committee discussed the format for reporting the student performance data to the board. The committee will continue to discuss the format in the next meeting and it will present it to the board in the February board meeting.

### **III. Community Outreach & Development**

#### **A. Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### **B. Report**

Ms. Moore was hired as the community liaison and will be working with Z. Ercan.

Ms. Z. Ercan showed a slide show of events that have been happening in our schools

### **IV. Finance, Facilities & Audit**

#### **A. Enrollment**

M. Demirtas presented the enrollment data.

**B. Financials**

D. Ozcan presented the financial summary reports.

**C. Elementary School Building And High School Gym**

There will be a meeting with the town to discuss the options for the gym and another meeting will be held with the buyer and architect to discuss a potential elementary school building.

**D. Committee Meeting Minutes**

**E. 2018-2019 Official Review of the Financials**

D. Ozcan presented slides.

**V. Governance**

**A. Committee Meeting Minutes**

**B. BoardOnTrack Dashboard Data Refresher**

M. Demirtas showed the dashboard on BoardOnTrack and explained how members can see and improve each item that is being scored and displayed on the dashboard.

**VI. Other Business**

**A. Employee Contract Decisions**

Staffing change information was presented.

J. Santos made a motion to accept the new hire.

K. Crawford seconded the motion.

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

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Board Meeting Evaluation**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

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,

M. Stevens