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Rochester Academy Charter School

Minutes

Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Monday May 11, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Committee Members Present
D. Ozcan (remote), J. Carter (remote), J. Santos (remote), M. Demirtas (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
C. Belfield (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Santos called a meeting of the Development Committee of Rochester Academy Charter School to order on Monday May 11, 2026 at 3:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Demirtas made a motion to approve the minutes from Development Committee Meeting on 04-20-26.
D. Ozcan seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Development

A. Discuss the Grant Application for Elementary School

Cyndy presented details of a proposed program called "Beyond the Bell" that would serve approximately 50 students from September to June, offering academic support, social-emotional learning, fitness activities, and enrichment opportunities including STEM projects and robotics. Joann reviewed Cyndy's grant proposal and provided feedback on strengthening it for better chances of funding. She emphasized the importance of involving parents and students in the program's development and suggested surveying them to incorporate their voices. Joann also recommended using a budget option that shows school cost-sharing, as this increases the chances of funding. She advised repeating key points about the program's existing success and expansion plans throughout the proposal to ensure clarity for reviewers. Cyndy discussed their previous summer program application and considered options for the current grant, including potentially expanding the program to include summer months to align with the grant timeline.

B. Review the Implementation of the Fundraising Plan

The fundraising plan will be discussed at the board and retreat meetings.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Demirtas