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Open Session-6:00 p.m.

February 27, 2023

REACH LSA GOVERNING BOARD:

Trayci Nelson- President
Carla Crow- Vice President
Ahlam Gheith- Member
Jennifer Boren- Member
Angel Braach- Member
Patricio Perez- Member

Ashleigh Reid- Member

MISSION STATEMENT

REACH Leadership STEAM Academy is a college preparatory elementary school which is dedicated to bridging the socioeconomic, racial, and digital divide for underserved youth. Our dedicated and highly trained teaching staff is committed to preparing our students for success in college and equipping them to meet the demands of a global society. We are committed to developing confident, articulate leaders who will use their life experiences and education to create positive changes in their own lives and within their communities and beyond.

OUR PROGRAM

REACH's research-based curriculum is Common Core ready. We use thoroughly researched strategies with proven success records to guide instruction. Our core curriculum addresses the whole child and is designed to meet their individual needs. Students are taught at their instructional level giving every student universal access. REACH is a STEM + Art focused school with an increased emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math. Our Core Curriculum includes Language Arts, Mathematics, History & Social Science, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Global Literacy.

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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GENERAL SESSION

1. Housekeeping and Procedural Announcements

1.1. **Announcements:**

1.1.1. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 TELECONFERENCE FLEXIBILITY

This meeting is being held pursuant to the procedures established in Executive Order N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17th, 2020. All council members May attend the meeting by teleconference. This meeting will be a virtual meeting only. The public may observe and address the meeting via Zoom.

1.1.2. NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@reachroyals.org; (2) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment, or (3) fill out a public comment card before the start of the meeting (in-person meetings only). Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the submission deadline for session items shall be no later than noon the day of the scheduled board meeting. Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or non agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda item, including communications and organizational reports, to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the board president may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of written public comments.

1.1.3. ANNOUNCEMENT

Should the meeting encounter any security breach or an inappropriate issue, the meeting shall be ended immediately and rescheduled as soon as practical.

2. Call to Order
 - 2.1. Meeting is called to order at: 6:03 pm

Member Name	Present	Absent
Ahlam Gheith		X
Jennifer Boren	X	
Angel Braach	X	
Carla Crow	X	
Trayci Nelson		X
Patricio Perez	X	
Ashleigh Reid	X	
Totals:	5	2

3. **Approval of Board Findings Relating to Teleconference Meetings During State of Emergency.**

3.1. *Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).* The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

Motion: JB Second: AB Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ahlam Gheith				X
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			

Carla Crow	X			
Trayci Nelson				X
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid	X			
Totals:		5		2

4. Introduction of Guests

- 4.1. Brian Slusser
- 4.2. Amita Prikah
- 4.3. Assarhi Manzo
- 4.4. Yisel Marwah
- 4.5. Rocio McFadden
- 4.6. Aaron Brown
- 4.7. Alicia Cao
- 4.8. Christina Gomez
- 4.9. Demetrius Williams
- 4.10. Michelle Kinsman

5. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: AB Second: AR Vote: Motion Carries

Comments and Notes:

6. Invitation to the Public to Address the Board

- 6.1. Christina Gomez speaking on behalf of other parents - would like to see the fundraiser used for more than just the middle school. Would like to see funds go towards kids NOW.

7. Reports

- 7.1. Financial Reports by Edtec

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[REACH- FY 23 Jan Financials.pdf](#)

- 7.2. Directors Report

Comments and Notes:

- Enrollment Update:



- Open enrollment underway
- Will have updated numbers next month
- Ends for existing families mid March
- Lottery deadline in April
- Middle School Expansion
 - Underway
 - Assembled team including:
 - Bond fiduciary
 - Affordability Analysis
 - Bond Brokers
 - Prequalification process
 - Credit rating to determine interest rate based
 - Architect
 - Submitting conceptual application to the City
 - Construction Management company (Neff)
 - Attorneys
 - Lease Agreement
 - Material Revision
 - Charter School Renewal
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 - May be best to renew charter this year
 - Take advantage of the Window of opportunity that is in front of us
 - Due to our high performance on last year's SBAC
 - Eligible for streamlined renewal process
 - District can renew charter for 5-7 years
 - Renewal must be completed within this school year
 - Required to revise the charter to include any legal updates and any updates related to program offerings
 - Data review portion isn't necessary
 - Possible renewal term of 2029-2030
 - Criteria
 - School scored higher than the state on Math, ELA, ELPI, and CCI
 - Student groups that performed below the state average scored higher than corresponding student groups in the State of California.
 - Option will not be available after this school year.
 - Board comments?
- Action Items:
 - 9.1 Student/Parent Handbook
 - Approve handbook annually
 - Some changes were made to dress code language in areas that seemed unclear this year.



- Found one section that needed updating related to Teacher/Parent conferences which take place once a year in the fall.
- 9.2 Interim Report
 - 2nd Interim Report this year
 - First one was approved by this board in November
 - The 2nd interim period covers Nov 1- January 31
 - Board certifies whether the LEA is able to meet its financial obligations
 - Current \$9.2 M revenue
 - \$6.9M of which is unrestricted
 - Other \$2M+ is restricted Federal Funds (SPED, Nutrition, Title I)
 - Projected Reserve amount \$2.9M
- 9.3 Declaration of Need
 - Allows LEA to retain the services of partially credentialed teachers in hard-to-fill positions
 - Currently have 4 teachers operating under emergency CLAD/EL permits.
 - CLAD (Cultural, Linguistic, Ability Diversity) credentials allows teachers to deliver instruction for English Language Development designed specifically to develop listening, speaking, reading, writing skills for English Learners.
 - Four teachers completed their teaching programs outside of California.
 - The declaration allows teachers time to obtain their CLAD credentials.
 - Recommend that that board approves

Attachments:

8. Approval of Consent Items

- 8.1. Minute Meetings: It is recommended that the RLSA School Board approve Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2023.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Meeting Minutes January 30, 2023](#)

- 8.2. Check Registers: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve January 2023 Check Registers:

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Check Registers - January 2023](#)

Motion: CC Second: PP Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ahlam Gheith				X
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Trayci Nelson				X
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid	X			
Totals:		5		2

9. Action Items

- 9.1. Student-Parent Handbook: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve the 2022-23 Student Handbook. Changes reflect clarification on verbiage regarding dress code. Parent/Student/Teacher Conference has been updated to occur in Fall rather than giving a specified month.

Comments and Notes:

Update language regarding hats.

Attachments:

[Student-Parent Handbook.pdf](#)

Motion: JB Second: AR Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ahlam Gheith				X
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Trayci Nelson				X
Patricio Perez	X			

Ashleigh Reid	X			
Totals:		5		2

9.2. Second Interim Report: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve the Local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the LEA's financial health. The first interim report is due December 15 for the period ending October 31. The second interim report is due March 10 for the period ending January 31. The interim reports must include a certification of whether or not the LEA is able to meet its financial obligations.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[REACH Charter Reporting Forms Combined - Second Interim FY23](#)

Motion: JB Second: PP Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ahlam Gheith				X
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Trayci Nelson				X
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid	X			
Totals:		5		2

9.3. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators in terms of staffing vacancies in which emergency credentials may apply to regular teaching positions or long term (over 30 days in the same assignment) substitute positions.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2022-23](#)

Motion: AB Second: AR Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Ahlam Gheith				X
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Trayci Nelson				X
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid	X			
Totals:	5			2

10. Board Comments

10.1. Angel re; new arts funding - What are the plans for funds?

*Meet the Masters - how to get it back in the classrooms

*Ways to push music back in classroom

Is there any “production” type of activity for those who don’t feel they are musically inclined?

A lot of city activities are based on the RUSD calendar, leaving REACH kids w/out things to do -
 is there a possibility of changing the calendar to match more closely?

10.2. Name:

11. Adjournment

11.1. Meeting adjourned at:7:05pm

Motion: JB Second: AB

Next board meeting date: March 27th 2023 6 pm