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**REACH Leadership STEAM Academy -**

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**Open Session-6:00 p.m.**

**September 26, 2022**

**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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### **THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

### **REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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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](mailto: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: 6:05

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	
<b>Totals:</b>	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: PP                      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			
<b>Totals:</b>		5		2

4. Introduction of Guests
  - 4.1. Elizabeth Wibowo
  - 4.2. Brian Slusser
  - 4.3. Fabi Barerra
  - 4.4. Christina Lee Gnuschke
  - 4.5. Christina Gomez
  - 4.6. Toiya Allen
  - 4.7. Lesley Martinez
  - 4.8. Assarhi Manzo

5. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: AR                      Second: AB                      Vote: Motion Carries

Comments and Notes:

6. Invitation to the Public to Address the Board

7. Reports

- 7.1. Director's Report

Comments and Notes:

- Enrollment Updates
  - Enrollment is currently under projections
  - 5th & 6th grades are under enrolled by approx. 17 students.
  - 9 enrollment packets pending
  - 1 in 5th/6th grade
- Facility Update
  - Plans for middle school are underway
    - Projected timeline- August 2024
    - Will serve grades 5-8
    - Focus on STEAM
    - Facility is projected to include



- Full gymnasium
  - Science lab
  - Library and media room
  - All modular buildings
  - Facility and buildings all leased
  - Ultimate vision is to purchase land and build K-8 facility
- Plans to enlarge two 1st grade classrooms are in the works
  - Will not increase capacity
  - Will allow space for small, physical library
- 2022 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Results
  - Growth in nearly all grade levels when comparing 2019 and 2022 data in both ELA and Mathematics
  - Decline in scores in 3rd grade which could be attributed to learning loss due to COVID19
  - Outperformed the district in all grade levels including 3rd grade.
  - Particularly proud of 5th grade science scores on the CAST which performed at nearly 60 percent proficiency rate.
  - State data has not been released.
  - African American student achievement
    - Showed growth in ELA in nearly every grade level
    - Achievement in both ELA & Math outpaced the school district
    - (State data not available)
    - Chief concern is African American test scores in Mathematics which declined in nearly every grade level when comparing 2019 and 2022 test scores.
    - Will have AAPAC officers present data at the next board meeting on AA achievement data and vision for closing achievement gap for this particular student group, particularly in Mathematics.
- Staffing Update
  - Special Education Director
    - Last day November 30
    - Will replace with Program Directors I & II
    - Program Director I role is potentially filled
  - Other Vacancies
    - 5th grade ELA (LT credentialed sub)
    - 5th grade Science teacher
      - Had to step away from the classroom, temporarily.
      - Can only hold the position open for a couple of months.
      - Position currently filled with LT sub.
    - Speech Pathologist
- Finances
  - School is in excellent financial position
  - An additional \$1M expected over the next few years (not reflected in the budget)



- Ended last year within budget. The only changes were due to some auditing preferences in terms of when to apply a particular funding source. Amita will explain in the pre-recorded financial presentation.
  - Expected to end this year within budget.
  - LEA is in such a strong financial position that ESSER funds have been pushed into out years.
  - Can pull down ESSER funds into this year if needed.
  - In addition to day-to-day operations, additional funds are allocated towards LCAP priority goals in the following manner:
    - Teacher supports in the form of math and ELA coaches
    - Interventionists to support struggling learners at every grade level
    - TK aids in each TK classroom (required)
    - Residential substitutes
    - Professional development for all instructional staff, administrators, and classified staff.
    - AAPAC stipends for teachers
    - ELPAC Coordinator
    - Hiring of new Intervention coordinator
    - Expansion of the 1st grade classrooms
    - Expanding into middle school
    - Resource room manned by FTE credentialed teacher
      - Focus on 4-6 graders who are not reading at grade level
      - Use Read 180 and System 44 program
      - Only focus is on ensuring every scholar is reading at grade level before promoting to middle school.
- Questions?

Attachments: None

## 7.2. Financial Report by Edtec

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[REACH- FY22 UA & July-Aug. Fin 9.26.22.pdf](#)

[REACH- FY22 UA & July-Aug. Fin 9.26.22.presentation](#)

## 7.3. CA Dashboard Local Indicators presented by Assarhi Manzo

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[CA Dashboard Local Indicators presentation](#)

7.4. Academic Update Presented by Toiya Allen

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[SBAC/CAST Results Presentation](#)

8. Approval of Consent Items

8.1. Minute Meetings: It is recommended that the RLSA School Board approve Meeting Minutes for June 23, June 27, and August 8, 2022.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2022](#)

[Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2022](#)

[Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2022](#)

8.2. Check Registers: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve June, July & August 2022 Check Registers:

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Check Registers - June 2022](#)

[Check Registers - July 2022](#)

[Check Registers - August 2022](#)

Motion: PP                      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			
<b>Totals:</b>	5			2



9. Action Items

9.1. **FY23 CARS-Consolidated Application:** it is recommended that the REACH LSA governing board approve the Consolidated Application for Title funding to abide by the requirements of receiving the funds, the consolidated application is revenue relied on for funding intervention and professional development costs.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[REACH FY23 CARS-Consolidated Application](#)

Motion: JB

Second: CC

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			
<b>Totals:</b>		5		2

9.2. **Homeless Education Policy:** it is recommended that the REACH LSA governing board review and approve the Homeless Education Policy for the 2022-23 academic school year.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Homeless Education Policy](#)

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			
<b>Totals:</b>		5		2

9.3. **Unaudited Actuals Report 21-22:** For the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, the submission of charter school financial data to the California Department of Education (CDE) is required by [Education Code Section 1628](#) and by [Education Code Section 42100](#) (as amended by Assembly Bill 1994). Charter schools must submit the completed forms to their authorizing agencies by September 15, 2022. **Unaudited actuals are financial data that is pending final audit.** The authorizing agencies will submit the forms to their county offices of education, who will submit the forms to the CDE by October 15, 2022.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[2021-22 Charter School Unaudited Actuals Financial Report-Alternative Form](#)

Motion: AR                      Second:                      CC                      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			
<b>Totals:</b>		5		2

9.4. **Policies for One or Two Year Kindergarten Program Entrance Exceptions:** it is recommended that the REACH LSA governing board review and approve the Policies for

One or Two Year Kindergarten Program Entrance Exceptions  
 Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[Policies for One or Two Year Kindergarten Program Entrance](#)

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			
<b>Totals:</b>	5			2

- 9.5. **Employee Handbook 2022-23:** it is recommended that the REACH LSA governing board review and approval annual changes to the employee handbook. Changes to the handbook are highlighted in yellow.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[REACH Employee Handbook 2022/2023](#)

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			



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Ashleigh Reid	X			
<b>Totals:</b>		5		2

10. Board Comments

10.1. Name:

10.2. Name:

11. Adjournment

11.1. Meeting adjourned at: 7:33 pm

Motion: JB                      Second:      AB

Next board meeting date: October 24th 6 pm