

MINUTES
PAVE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.

The full RISE Board of Directors of RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 4:30 – 6:05 pm. The meeting was held by zoom video due to COVID-19.

ATTENDEES:

Board Members:

NAME OF DIRECTOR	TITLE (IF ANY)	PRESENT IN PERSON	PRESENT BY TELEPHONE/VIDEO	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Kwan Graham*	Board Chair		X	
Crawford Crenshaw*	Board Vice-Chair		X	
Annette Corona*	Board Secretary		X	
Willette Morman*	Trustee		X	
Tucker Mann*	Board Treasurer		X	
Lauren Vance*	Trustee		X	
Andrew Lakis	Trustee		X	
Dexter Herbert	Trustee		X	
Lori Christian	Trustee		X	
Lynette Aytch	Trustee		X	
Spencer Robertson	Trustee		X	
Taylor Dewberry	Trustee		X	

*Indicates members of the Executive Committee

Please note: Other Board Trustees are welcome to attend all Executive Committee meetings, but not required to.

Staff and Other Attendees Present:

NAME	TITLE (IF ANY)	PRESENT IN PERSON	PRESENT BY TELEPHONE/VIDEO	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Dawn Arthur	Executive Director		X	
Latoyia Kinsey	Principal		X	
Martin Aurelian	Director of Finance		X	
Danielle Coats	Assistant Principal		X	

MEETING ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Kwan Graham determined that the meeting was duly noticed, that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Opportunity was presented for public comment. No public comments requested or made.

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Lauren Vance and seconded by Willette Morman to approve the minutes from the June and July 2021 board meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM(S)

Principal Report:

Principal Latoyia Kinsey provided an update on the new art curriculum to showcase RISE's story and different programs that are taking place at the school. She provided updates on the Assessment Overview for the 2021-2022 school year, including testing dates, assessment targets and implementation in the classroom. Ms Kinsey also discussed the use of iReady assessments and the use of those results and implementation in the classroom. Ms. Kinsey was asked about the timeline for sending those results to parents. No timeline was established, but results are to be shared with parents.

Interim Assessments are another tool to be utilized to monitor scholar learning and meeting goals. These assessments can be directly aligned with the current curriculum.

Ms. Kinsey provided an overview of instructional interventions at RISE and additional academic supports that will be coming into RISE; Fletcher Academy Tutors and NC State SAY (Students Advocating for Youth). She also outlined next steps on teachers reviewing results of the instructional assessments and providing intervention plans for students. The ILT will discuss findings and determine what instructional pivots need to be made.

There was discussion around the success of the summer school program. RISE did not meet the goals set for attendance at the summer school program and lacked educators to teach during the summer to fill out the program. A more formal update on the summer school program was requested by board member Willette Morman.

Ms. Kinsey also provided an update on supervision changes that resulted from the school review plan.

Executive Director Update:

Executive Director Dawn Arthur provided an update on the enhanced COVID-19 protocols at RISE and the correlating drop in close contacts and student needs to quarantine.

Discussion was had around screening and diagnostic testing potentially starting at the school for families.

She provided an update on enrollment and attendance and acknowledged the struggle with attendance due to COVID. The school will be using a new program called Scribbles to track enrollment and recruitment, which should be up and running by November 1, 2021.

The impact of a lower ADM had led to smaller classroom sizes. Board member, Crawford Crenshaw, requested that the Education Committee review and recommend smaller class sizes based on enrollment numbers.

There was discussion regarding teacher shortages and staffing challenges. This is not an issue just impacting RISE but many Title I schools.

Ms. Arthur also advised on the following:

- Recent talent acquisitions
- Discussion of retention bonuses for teachers
- Meeting with DTW Architects to discuss the direction of the building
- Summary of the site visit on 9/1/21 by Alex Quigley of Better is Possible Coaching
 - Board requested a “report out” in December on the “Big Rocks” identified in the report.

Finance Update:

Ms. Arthur advised that the Finance Committee met on September 16 and reviewed the FY22 Budget, ESSER funding and long-term projections. The State legislature has not approved a budget so per pupil revenue based on ADM is currently uncles. The committee will continue to meet and monitor the situation.

Action Items:

Masking Policy Vote: A motion was made by Kwan Graham and seconded by Crawford Crenshaw to approve the current RISE Masking Policy that mandates indoor and outdoor use of masks at RISE, regardless of vaccination status. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consent agenda included:

- RISE 2021 -22 Budget
- RISE School Mental Health Policy*
- RISE Family Engagement Policy
- RISE Employee Handbook

A motion was made by Tucker Mann and seconded by Taylor Dewberry to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The items were unanimously approved.

*Lynette Aytech will further review the Mental Health Policy. If there are no objections the policy will go into effect on September 27, 2021. No objections were noted and the policy has been adopted.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session needed.

5. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Closing and Commitments:

Kwan Graham adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Corona

Approved on October 25, 2021
Kwan Graham, President