

MINUTES
RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.

The Executive Committee of the RISE Board of Directors of Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, September 23, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. The meeting was held in-person and by Google Meet.

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
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	
Jason Jowers	Principal			X
Craig Herb			X	

MEETING ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Crawford Crenshaw determined that the meeting was duly noticed and called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Guest Craig Herb attended the meeting and all board members introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present or who signed up for public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Lauren Vance to approve the consent agenda identified below, it was seconded by Willette Morman and unanimously approved by those in attendance at the board meeting.

- August 26 Meeting Minutes
- Criminal History Check Policy
- Admission & Enrollment Policy 25-26

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dawn Arthur began her presentation with again celebrating and acknowledging the academic strides that RISE scholars and educators made over the 2023-2024 school year. RISE achieved exceptional growth which changed the school rating from an F to a C; EOG scores indicated that RISE more than doubled the number of college ready scholars; and 5th and 8th grade achieved a greater than 72% proficiency in Science.

Success Formula:

- Visionary and Strategic Leadership
- Targeted academic interventions
 - All Hands on Deck
- Data Dives & Targeted Instruction
- Teacher Retention
- Continuous Teacher Support & Development
- School wide initiatives
 - Triathlon
- i-Ready
 - Tools for Instruction
 - Teacher Toolbox
- Schoolnet and NC Check-in Benchmarks
- Consistent Progress Monitoring & Adaptation
- Increased Parent & Community Engagement

Instructional Insights:

- iReady results last year appeared correlated to EoG progress thereby helping to confirm that our testing tools are helpful in monitoring progress and targeting instruction
- Starting BoY proficiency, 3-8 (tested grades), is stronger than K-2 (foundations)
- However, by EoY, Kindergarten had demonstrated the strongest conversion of proficiency scholars (84% in reading in math).

Financial Insights:

- Our BoY enrollment was 483 last year, and will be about 485 this year.
- 2023-24 was our final year of covid relief funding (ESSER = 1.3M over 3 years)

- We used ~600K in cash reserves to support costs (see above plus deficit)
- Overage has led to cuts in staffing and may require more.
- Audit - likely 'sound' with findings or recommendations: concussion, licensure, ctr. clause

Needs Remain:

Ms. Arthur highlighted again school needs for vibrant and safe play areas, functional and inviting bathrooms and stairwells, K-5 storage and 6-9 lockers, sound management, stage curtain, A/V and gymnasium updates.

Mr. Arthur further provided an update on the Renewal items that have been completed and those that need attention and ways for the board to engage with the RISE community.

5. Committee Updates

No committee updates were provided.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Corona

Approved on November 18, 2024
Kwan Graham, President