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## **RLOACS Board Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

*August 20, 2013*

*1398 Church Rd, Hardeeville, SC*

*Present:*

Rob McBrayer, Chair; Michelle Scott, Secretary; Sheree Darien, Treasurer; Brandi Freeman; Eunice Spilliards; Dr. Karen Wicks, Executive Director of the Academy; Joyce Gerald, Assistant Director; Bill Moser, Financial Consultant; Les Wicks, Facilities Management

*Absent:*

Anthony Altizer, Vice-Chair, Amleht Alston, Pershawn Patterson

*Next meeting:*

*September 17, 2013;*

*Next Parent Meeting:*

*August 29, 2013*

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**Executive Session**

**Old business:**

- **Minutes of June 18, 2013 Meeting** - Secretary  
Meeting was called to order with the minutes from June 18, 2013. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

**New business:**

- **RLOA Mission Statement** – The Chair read the complete mission statement.
  - *No child deserves to fail; every child should taste success!*
- **Finance Report and 2013-14 Budget** - Bill Moser –
  - The Board members reviewed the June, June Close-Out, and July budget reports. A motion was made and seconded to approve the July budget report, which was unanimously approved.
- **Board Orientation** – Chair



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- Board members are required to complete the Charter Board training within one year of being elected. Board members were reminded to complete the training by October.
  
- **Update on Building, Finance, and Architectural Work – Facilities Management**
  - **Bids** - All bids are in for completion of work and have come under budget. All contractors who have been hired are local businesses. We are waiting on the SC Office of School Facilities to approve the plans and specifications. They have had the information for 45 days. We believe the approval will be in shortly now that school has begun and they are no longer inundated with new charter school openings.
  - **Land Proposal** – A proposal was brought to Les Wicks, the Facilities Manager, with the possible purchase of 28+/- acres of land in the town limits of Hardeeville. A motion was made for Les to investigate further. The motion was accepted and seconded. All board members approved it.
  
- **School Updates – Executive Director**
  - **PASS Scores** – The Assistant Director explained the scores and the school's rankings. She noted that the level of improvement in students' scores on the PASS as compared with the tests they took at the beginning of last school year as a whole was excellent. The growth trend was excellent, even though many of our students still have a long way to go to reach proficiency. The scores reflect the reading and math interventions last year, although math will need even more work. The Executive Director described the strategies in place for this school year to bring up the students' language, reading, math, science, and social studies skills and increase student scores on the 2014 PASS tests.
    - RLOA's Overall weighted points total is 50.5
    - RLOA's Middle School Points total is 45
    - RLOA's ESOL students outscored the African-American students, many above the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile.
    - RLOA's Elementary Grades met 100% proficiency in ELA, and RLOA's Middle grades met 71.43% proficiency.
    - RLOA's Math proficiency was not met in neither Elementary nor Middle school grades. We have much work ahead of us. Our students came to us severely behind.
  - **Enrollment** – Number has not yet stabilized. Enrollment has been around 500. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of school a more accurate number can be given.



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- **PASS Student Achievers** – An Awards Day has been planned for the near future. When the shipment date of the tablets and iPad Mini is known, the Awards Day will be to scheduled.
- **Clubs** – Clubs will begin the week of August 26th.
- **Competitive Sports** –Mr. Exley has already started scheduling games. When the list is final, it will be made available to everyone.
- **Field Trips** – Dr. Stevenson has organized the field trips for this year.
- **Behavior Matrix** – All teachers are using the same behavior matrix to help students develop good deportment. The matrix centers on the acronym for RLOACS: RLOA Students Show: Respect, Leadership, Ownership, Positive Attitude, and Community Service.
- **Parent Meetings** – ESOL & Annual Title 1 Meeting, Thursday, August 29, 2013. Parent trainings throughout the year are being scheduled.
- **Confidentiality of students** – Training for Staff occurred during Professional Development.
- **Technology** – 168 ChromeBooks have been purchased for students to use under teacher supervision when the teacher schedules them. New computers are being leased for the computer lab; installation is expected within one week. The installation of the Wii interactive system in the classroom should be completed within a week also.