

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:04 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, Anay Shah arrived 5:05 PM, Beverly Grant arrived 5:16 PM; Participating by Phone: George Meng
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required)** **5:06 PM**
- a. Approval of March 4th board retreat minutes
 - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
 - b. Approval of March 15th board minutes
 - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
- III. Correspondence** **5:08 PM**
- a. LOIs were sent out to different foundations this month (2 for Union Bank)
 - b. Successful meeting with Teach for America; memo of agreement in which they can send potential teachers to us for employment next year
 - c. We received Title II, Part A money- \$6,700 that will be put towards our apportionment for next year (Teacher Development)
- IV. Public Comment** **5:11 PM**
- V. Executive Reports**
- a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:11 PM
 - i. Dr Jackson will be participating in an interview at the Commission Site Visit on Monday, April 24th
 - ii. Phone call with Josh from the Commission; they are very supportive of potential changes at SOAR
 - iii. Dr Jackson participated at the Capital with campaign for student success and will be attending the May 9th Parent Advisory Council Meeting
 - iv. The board will be attending the WA Charters Conference on May 12-13
 - b. School Leader Report, Liz Sanchez 5:14 PM
 - i. Current Enrollment is at 131 students
 - ii. Nicole Harris will be leaving on May 1st and Liz will be transition at the end of the school year
 - iii. Jessica Stryczek and Linzy Gustafson will be supporting on the

- administrative level through this transition
- iv. SOAR currently has 6 committed teachers out of the 7 that are presently at SOAR
- v. We had 213 applications with the lottery for 100 slots; offers were made to 116 interested families and these families were invited to the Parent Advisory Council Meeting in May

VI. Items for Board Discussion 5:27 PM

- a. Facilities Subcommittee, Wendy Durst
 - i. Facilities options have not panned out thus far; one possible option on the table
 - ii. Discussion about possible alterations for next year if we are in our current space

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Finance, George Meng 5:40 PM
 - i. We had some positive movement financially this month
 - ii. Transitions at EdTec in July
- b. Governance, Anay Shah and Lihi Rosenthal 5:48 PM
 - i. Meeting with perspective board member on May 1st
 - ii. Conversations with Tom Franta, Ken Berrick concerning SOAR's plans for next year
- c. Development Committee, Lihi Rosenthal and Beverly Grant 6:01 PM
 - i. Planning meeting for future of Board Brunch
 - ii. We have submitted 6 LOIs for different foundations
- d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez and Lihi Rosenthal 6:09 PM
 - i. STAR Literacy Assessment will be given one final time at the end of May
 - ii. A Culture and Climate Survey as well as a Parent Survey will be coming out soon

VIII. Items for Board Discussion 6:14 PM

- a. June Meeting Date
 - i. Proposed that it be moved to Thursday, June 15th with a Staff Appreciation Dinner from 4-5pm
- b. Parent Advisory Council
 - i. Summary of parent input from last PAC meeting
 - ii. Discussion around board attendance at meeting

IX. Items for Board Approval 6:25 PM

- a. Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services Policy
 - i. Director Shah moved to approve, Director Grant seconded-approved 3:0
- b. SOAR Records Policy
 - i. Director Grant moved to approve, Director Shah seconded-approved 3:0



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- c. Revised Special Education Policy
 - i. Director Grant moved to approve, Director Shah seconded-approved 3:0

- X. **Announcements and Upcoming Events** **6:32 PM**
 - a. **Annual Commission Site Visit:** April 21-24 at SOAR Academy
 - b. **Parent Advisory Council Meeting:** April 11th from 6:00-8:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
 - c. **WA Charters Conference:** May 12-13 at the Hilton Seattle Airport and Convention Center
 - d. **Dance Recital:** June 7th from 6-8pm at Urban Grace Church
 - e. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** May 17 from 5:00-7:00pm at SOAR

- XI. **Adjournment** **6:35 PM**