



# SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

# **MINUTES**

Call to Order I. 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

### ٧. **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
- 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
  - ii. A Culture and Climate Survey as well as a Parent Survey will be coming out soon

## VIII. **Items for Board Discussion**

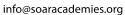
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- a. June Meeting Date
  - i. Proposed that it be moved to Thursday, June 15th with a Staff Appreciation Dinner from 4-5pm
- b. Parent Advisory Council
  - i. Summary of parent input from last PAC meeting
  - ii. Discussion around board attendance 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 secondedapproved 3:0
- b. SOAR Records Policy
  - i. Director Grant moved to approve, Director Shah secondedapproved 3:0





- c. Revised Special Education Policy
  - i. Director Grant moved to approve, Director Shah secondedapproved 3:0
- X. **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

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- 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