

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order 5:11 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, Anay Shah, George Meng, Beverly Grant arrived 5:25 PM and left 7:00 PM
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required) 5:11 PM**
a. Approval of board meeting minutes
i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
- III. Correspondence 5:12 PM**
a. Breakfast Grant received! Will be implementing changes in the month of March
- IV. Public Comment 5:15 PM**
- V. Executive Reports**
a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:15 PM
i. Director Jackson had a routine visit with Josh Halsey from the Washington Charter Schools Commission
ii. Positive presentation with the Commission to share the vision and direction of SOAR Academy; stayed longer to answer questions
iii. Tours with two potential donors
b. School Leader Report, Liz Sanchez and Wendy Durst 5:29 PM
i. Several new students enrolled at school this month
ii. There was a very successful Dance Showcase at Destiny at the end of January; many families attended!
iii. Mid-year awards were held at SOAR
iv. 3rd grade teacher recruitment has begun for next year
v. Recruitment for next year going very well
- VI. Committee Updates**
a. Finance, George Meng 5:50 PM
i. Multi-Year budgeting has begun and process improvement review continues
ii. Several options suggested to help with operating income concerns
b. Governance, Anay Shah 6:06 PM
i. Recruitment at Board Brunch has been the main focus

- ii. We should have a policy to review at the next board meeting!
 - iii. Extensive conversation about the partnership between SOAR and Seneca
 - iv. Director Jackson moved to extend the meeting time past 7:00pm, Director Meng seconded. Approved 3:0.
 - c. Development Committee, Wendy Durst 7:00 PM
 - i. Several site options put on the table and discussed further
 - ii. Plans in place for Board Brunch in March
 - d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez and Lihi Rosenthal 8:39 PM
 - i. Star Literacy results will be further discussed at board retreat
- VII. Items for Board Discussion 8:40 PM**
 - a. Facilities Subcommittee
 - i. Several facility options discussed; further information will be given at the Board retreat
- VIII. Announcements and Upcoming Events 9:05 PM**
 - a. **Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, March 15th from 5:00-7:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
- IX. Adjournment 9:06 PM**