

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:02 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, Anay Shah, Beverly Grant arrived 5:20 PM
; Participating by Phone: George Meng
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required)** **5:03 PM**
 - a. Approval of board meeting minutes
 - i. Director Shah moved to approve; Director Meng seconded – approved 3:0
- III. Correspondence** **5:04 PM**
 - a. Homeless Stability Grant received
 - b. Health Inspection- gave feedback in areas that need attention
 - c. Quarterly Compliance Memo- SOAR is in compliance and on-time
- IV. Public Comment** **5:06 PM**
- V. Executive Reports**
 - a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:13 PM
 - i. Director Jackson passed out, “*Charter Schools at the Crossroads.*”
 - ii. Director Jackson and Lihi Rosenthal met on January 3rd to plan for the board retreat; Shannon Marsh will be facilitating
 - iii. Several site visits coming up; Board members encouraged to attend
 - b. School Leader Report, Liz Sanchez and Wendy Durst 5:23 PM
 - i. 134 total enrollment
 - ii. We are currently working with two Tacoma schools for shared recruitment efforts
 - iii. Bus Tour: 18 families came, 5 new applicants
 - iv. 56 applications for the upcoming school year
 - v. First fieldtrip of the year scheduled, Winter Dance Showcase upcoming at Destiny Middle School
- VI. Committee Updates**
 - a. Finance, George Meng 5:48 PM
 - i. Operating income has increased because of grant received!
 - ii. We were able to assess the impact of not collecting employee and dependent contributions to health insurance, and started collecting November 1st
 - b. Governance, Anay Shah 6:02 PM
 - i. Board composition and size will be discussed at the retreat
 - ii. Continuing to work on policy review
 - c. Development Committee, Wendy Durst 6:06 PM
 - i. We are incorporating new programs with additional funding from

- the grant we received
- ii. We are also working on a Board Brunch to raise funds and find new board members
- d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez and Lihi Rosenthal 6:27 PM
 - i. PBIS/Bullying prevention curriculum in use; have created pull-out and push-in groups of students as needed
 - ii. We will begin assessing the dance program at SOAR
- VII. Items for Board Discussion 6:43 PM**
 - a. Facilities Subcommittee
 - i. We are looking into a location and assessing whether or not it can be ready for the next school year
- VIII. Announcements and Upcoming Events 6:53 PM**
 - a. **Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, February 15th from 5:00-7:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
- IX. Adjournment 6:54 PM**