

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order 5:15 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, Beverly Grant arrived 5:37 PM;
Participating by Phone: Anay Shah, George Meng
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required) 5:15 PM**
a. Approval of board meeting minutes
i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
- III. Correspondence 5:17 PM**
a. Paraprofessional grand awarded by OSPI
b. We have been selected for a Charter School Program Review that will take place in May
- IV. Public Comment 5:19 PM**
- V. Executive Reports**
a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:20 PM
i. There is a new WA Charters president and we are eager to make connections with him; WA Charters has also extended 10 scholarships for families to attend their annual conference
b. School Leader Report, Liz Sanchez and Wendy Durst 5:23 PM
i. We are fully staffed again at SOAR; Miss Allison is back from maternity leave!
ii. Mr. Chuck is transitioning out of his role at the school
iii. SOAR's first official field trip was a success! Students were able to attend and we had great parent and board involvement
iv. The End-of-Year Dance Showcase is being planned; we have a date and space confirmed for the performance
v. We are currently at 95% of our goal for enrollment applications for next year; there are many advanced learners and students with behavioral needs applying
vi. Outreach currently going on at DSHS; open enrollment closes March 31st
- VI. Committee Updates**
a. Finance, George Meng 5:38 PM

- i. Multi-Year budgeting has begun and process improvement review continues
 - b. Governance, Anay Shah 5:41 PM
 - i. Recommendation that each board member brings two potential board members to the Board Brunch
 - c. Development Committee, Wendy Durst 5:44 PM
 - i. Awarded professional development grant for paraprofessionals
 - ii. Milgard Foundation visit went well; they were pleased with what they saw
 - d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez and Lihi Rosenthal 5:52 PM
 - i. Great STAR Literacy Growth; median SOAR student at the 48th percentile
 - ii. 53 of 132 students have already made one or more years' worth of growth

- VII. Items for Board Discussion 5:57 PM**
 - a. Facilities Subcommittee
 - i. We are working with new real estate agents- two potential new sites

- VIII. Items for Board Approval 6:24 PM**
 - a. Motion to proceed with full exploration of an expanded partnership between Seneca and SOAR Academy
 - i. Director Grant moved to approve, Director Meng seconded- approved 4:0

- IX. Announcements and Upcoming Events 6:07 PM**
 - a. **Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, April 18th from 5:00-7:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
 - b. **Family Movie Night:** March 31st from 6:00-8:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
 - c. **Parent Advisory Council Meeting:** April 11th from 6:00-8:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
 - d. **WA Charters Conference:** May 12-13 at the Hilton Seattle Airport and Convention Center

- X. Adjournment 6:47 PM**