

## SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

# **MINUTES**

Call to Order I. 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

### ٧. **Executive Reports**

a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson

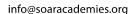
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- i. There is a new WA Charters president and we are eager to make connections with him; WA Charters has also extended 10 scholarships for families to attend their annual conference
- b. School Leader Report, Liz Sanchez and Wendy Durst 5:23 PM
  - 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
- 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
- d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez and Lihi Rosenthal

5:52 PM

- i. Great STAR Literacy Growth; median SOAR student at the 48th
- 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 secondedapproved 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