



SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, November 15, 2016

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 4:59 PM**
Thelma Jackson, George Meng, and Anay Shah present; Bev Grant arrived late
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes (motion/vote required) 5:00 PM**
 - a. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
- III. Correspondence 5:01 PM**
Invitations for Community Grants have been received!
- IV. Executive Reports**
 - a. Board Chair Report 5:08 PM
 - i. Turkey Bingo was very successful, 38 turkeys given out to families; Director Jackson was in attendance and there was lots of parent involvement
 - ii. McCleary case still in court; lots of discussion about what constitutes the definition of education and where funding should come from
 - iii. Supreme Court re-elected incumbents
 - b. School Leader Report 5:17 PM
 - i. 139 total enrollment; 10 pending and 7 on waitlist
 - ii. All core positions filled, and an office temp started today
 - iii. In the process of searching for substitutes, impending maternity leave for one teacher
 - iv. SSCs are in the process of being certified as substitute teachers
 - v. Successful Fairy Tale Parade, Open House, and Turkey Bingo with lots of family participation
 - vi. KidCo. Productions performed an anti-bullying assembly, coming back in January and February
- V. Committee Updates**
 - a. Finance, George Meng 5:47 PM
 - i. Revenue is most sensitive to enrollment at SOAR
 - ii. Higher Healthcare costs have also affected revenue stream
 - iii. Fundraising, WA Charters funding, and contract with Seneca all line-items to discuss
 - b. Governance, Anay Shah 5:54 PM
 - i. Lihi and Director Shah are meeting with Libuse Binder (WA



- Charters) to discuss a strategy for recruitment for the board
- c. Development Committee, Wendy Durst 5:54 PM
 - i. There is a list of foundations we are committing to apply for grants at
 - ii. We are applying for OSPI homeless grant
 - d. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez 5:59 PM
 - i. Focused discussion on Culture and Climate at SOAR; there was a large discussion surrounding this topic for staff on Veterans Day
 - ii. Surveys given to students and parents, 42 parent respondents
 - iii. Focus on staff development and identifying community core values

VI. Items for Board Discussion

- a. Facilities Limitations 6:32 PM
 - i. We have consumed the space that we thought we would use next year; need to begin active conversation about exploring options
 - ii. It is important to stay in the Hilltop Community
 - iii. Wendy given permission to tour facility and develop list of what the school needs
- b. Operations Discussion 6:44 PM
 - i. We are seeking to become an authorized Medicaid provider, Wendy looking to resubmit information for funding and information needed from board for this to happen.
- c. Next Meeting 6:46 PM
 - i. Staff proposal to move the next board meeting to December 14th

VII. Announcements and Upcoming Events**6:47 PM**

- a. **Parent Advisory Council Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6th at 6pm
- b. **Winter Showcase:** TBA
- c. **Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

VIII. Adjournment**6:53 PM**