



SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

RTER SCHOOL

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Tacoma, Washington 98405 Wednesday, October 18, 2016

AGENDA

I. Call to Order 5:17 PM

> Thelma Jackson and Anay Shah present, George Meng participating by phone, Beverly Grant arrived 5:40 PM

II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes**

(postponed in order to have quorum)

III. Correspondence

> ESP Contract approved by Commission Food audit end of November

IV. **Executive Reports**

a. Board Chair Report

5:24 PM

- i. Meeting with Josh to discuss ESP contract, upcoming presentation to the Commission on school model, hosting future Commission meeting at SOAR Academy
- ii. NAACP upheld moratorium on charter schools
- iii. Updates on upcoming lawsuit related dates: November 4 procedural motion and motion to dismiss; November 27 arguments commence
- iv. SOAR parent Danielle Davies participating as a Parent Advocacy Leader
- b. School Leader Report

5:32 PM

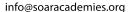
- i. 143 total enrollment; new student started today
- ii. Maintaining a wait list in Kinder and 1st with open spots in second
- iii. There was a teacher transition in second grade; a long-term sub has been serving in her place; anticipate having a permanent teacher in place by October 21

٧. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez & Lihi Rosenthal
 - i. Kindergarten beginning-of-year testing completed; next assessment cycle in November
 - ii. Request for a fuller update at next meeting, including on discussion of how to assess readiness for renewal given lack of state testing data for this age gruop
- b. Finance, George Meng

5:39pm

- i. Enrollment continues to be most important lever
- ii. Must maintain close attention to cash flow heading into spring
- c. Governance, Thelma Jackson & Lihi Rosenthal 5:52pm





- i. Discussed strategies for recruiting additional members and
- ii. Lihi and Anay will meet to discuss strategy and create timeline to present in future Board meeting
- d. Development Committee, N/A

Items for Board Discussion VI.

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a. Feedback from Parent Advisory Council

revisiting terms and roles

- i. Great attendance and lively discussion
- ii. Amy Van from WA Charters presented on advocacy efforts
- iii. Brainstormed fundraising ideas
- iv. Parent in attendance, Carla Willard, added insights about appreciating volunteer reminders
- v. Provided childcare with arts and crafts
- vi. Thelma stated availability of Directors to attend future councils, engage directly with parents

VII. Items for Board Action (motion and vote required)

6:13 PM

- a. Approval of board meeting minutes (moved from earlier)
 - i. Anay moved to approve, Beverly seconded approved 4:0

VIII. **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

6:16 PM

- a. Turkey B-I-N-G-O!: Wednesday, November 9, times TBA
- b. Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 16 from 5:00-7:00pm at 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

IX. Adjournment

6:22 PM