

**SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- V. Committee Updates**
  - a. Academic Excellence, Liz Sanchez & Lihi Rosenthal 5:37pm
    - 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 group
  - 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 revisiting terms and roles
    - ii. Lihi and Anay will meet to discuss strategy and create timeline to present in future Board meeting
  - d. Development Committee, N/A

**VI. Items for Board Discussion 6:05 PM**

- a. Feedback from Parent Advisory Council
  - 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**