

**SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, Washington 98405  
Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order** **5:06 PM**  
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, George Meng, Participating by Phone:  
Anay Shah, Beverly Grant joins by phone 5:10 PM
  
- II. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required)** **5:06 PM**
  - a. Approval of March Board Minutes
    - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 3:0
  
- III. Correspondence** **5:07 PM**
  - a. Agreement with Teach for America
  - b. LOI for Milgard Foundation
  - c. CSP Site Visit May 21,24; went very well and there will be a final report sent in 8 weeks
  
- IV. Public Comment** **5:20 PM**
  
- V. Executive Reports**
  - a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:22 PM
    - i. WA Charters Conference; very impressive turnout from SOAR Academy
    - ii. Meeting with Josh from the Commission regarding several possible changes; followed up with a letter spelling out challenges and recommendations
  - b. School Leader Report, Jessica Stryczek and Lihi Rosenthal 5:32 PM
    - i. Current Enrollment is at 132 students
    - ii. Transitioned out 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and Katrina will be taking on that position until the end of the year; she is doing an excellent job with students and parents
    - iii. Recruitment Update: We have filled all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade slots and are on track to fill every other grade
  - c. Facilities Subcommittee, Lihi Rosenthal 5:43 PM
    - i. We successfully negotiated an agreement with the pastor for next year
    - ii. SOAR is currently looking at other alternative spaces as well as renting out additional green area at church adjacent

- VI. Committee Updates**
- a. Finance, George Meng and Ken Berrick 5:59 PM
    - i. Operating Income decreased by \$93K; increased Seneca/SpEd and Transportation costs
    - ii. Conversation about the students that SOAR serves and best practices in how to serve them
    - iii. WA Charters has agreed to add \$375,000 to the budget for next year
  - b. Governance, Anay Shah 6:46 PM
    - i. Financial Policy ready for approval by board; continued recruiting efforts needed for board members
  - c. Development Committee, Lihi Rosenthal and Beverly Grant 6:51 PM
    - i. RSVP number is low for event; continue to invite!
  - d. Academic Excellence, Jessica Stryczek and Lihi Rosenthal 6:58 PM
    - i. Teachers will be in attendance at next board meeting ready to discuss and engage with board
- VII. Items for Board Discussion** **6:59 PM**
- a. 17-18 School Budget
    - i. Budget discussed by Facilities Subcommittee
  - b. August Staff BBQ
    - i. Postponed discussion until June Meeting
- VIII. Items for Board Approval** **6:59 PM**
- a. Financial Policy
    - i. Director Meng moved to approve, Director Shah seconded- approved 4:0
- IX. Announcements and Upcoming Events** **7:00 PM**
- a. **Friend-Raising Brunch:** June 3 at 10:30am at SOAR
  - b. **Dance Recital:** June 7 from 6:00-8:00pm at Urban Grace Church
  - c. **Parent Advisory Council Meeting:** June 13 from 6:00-8:00pm at SOAR
  - d. **Community Movie Night:** June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at SOAR
  - e. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** June 15 from 5:00-7:00pm at SOAR Academy, 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405
- X. Adjournment** **7:02 PM**