

SOAR ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington 98405
Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:08 PM**
Present in Person: Thelma Jackson, George Meng, Anay Shah; Beverly Grant arrives 5:28 PM
- II. Correspondence** **5:12 PM**
- a. We did not receive a grant that we applied for
 - b. OSPI report card is viewable on the internet
 - c. We are anticipating several tours (WA Charters, Commission Goodwill tour)
 - d. We met with Paula Kitzke to review SOAR's quarterly compliance
- III. Public Comment** **5:15 PM**
- IV. Executive Reports**
- a. Board Chair Report, Thelma Jackson 5:18 PM
 - i. Presently searching for a member to join the board
 - ii. Was asked for students to participate in opening ceremony for Secretary of Education DeVos, declined respectfully
 - b. School Leader Report, Jessica Stryczek 5:20 PM
 - i. Students are back!
 - ii. Healthy waitlist; anticipate having 206 show up
 - iii. Discussed demographics/number of students with IEPs
 - iv. Reading Corps Program will be starting; actively hiring!
 - v. Mr Markiss will be leaving at the end of September; New Kindergarten teacher Ms Krista and Mr Antonio will be stepping into 1st grade
- V. Committee Updates**
- a. Finance, George Meng and Nick Fradkin 5:30 PM
 - i. CSP grant smaller than anticipated
 - ii. Financial cash flow discussion and financial forecast
 1. Specific discussion around Philanthropy/Transportation
 - b. Governance, Anay Shah 5:50 PM
 - i. Andy- newest nominee is here tonight!
 - ii. Continuing to aggressively recruit, specifically for community members
 - iii. Ken, Seneca CEO, was in town this week!

- c. Development Committee, Lihi Rosenthal and Beverly Grant 5:56 PM
 - i. Shared vision for students selling/sharing artwork with community
 - ii. Working towards several events
 - iii. We will be applying for the New Schools Grant
- d. Academic Excellence, Jessica Stryczek 6:05 PM
 - i. There is a strong push for PBIS model and positive environment for students
 - ii. Teaching zones of regulation in classrooms
 - iii. Update on community engagement from Katrina Carleton and Danielle Davies (Fundraising, partnerships, Fall Festival, Winter Bazaar)
- e. Facilities Subcommittee, Lihi Rosenthal 6:22 PM
 - i. Looking at possible options- Portland Avenue Community Center

VI. Items for Board Action (Motion and Vote Required) 6:39 PM

- a. Discussion on Change of Next Board Meeting
 - i. Changed to October 12th
- b. Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes
 - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 4:0
- c. Motion for Fiscal Year Change
- d. New Board Member Review and Approval
 - i. Director Shah moved to approve; Director Meng seconded – approved 4:0
- e. Approval of Seneca Management Contract
 - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 5:0
- f. Approval of Seneca Direct Service Contract
 - i. Director Meng moved to approve; Director Shah seconded – approved 5:0
- g. Approval of Financial Audit Letter of Engagement
 - i. Director Ferrera moved to approve; Director Meng seconded – approved 5:0
- h. Approval of Highly Capable Student Policy and Procedures
 - i. Director Ferrera moved to approve; Director Grant seconded – approved 5:0

VII. Announcements and Upcoming Events 6:53 PM

- a. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** October 12th from 5:00-7:00pm at SOAR Academy, 2136 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

VIII. Adjournment 6:54 PM